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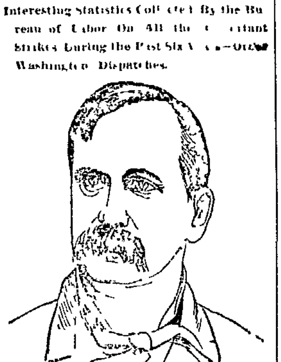
STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS.

THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR

Interesting Statistics Collected By the Bureau of Labor On All the Important Strikes During the Past Six Years—Other Washington Dispatches.



COL CARROLL D WRIGHT

WASHINGTON Dec 30—The commissioner of labor Carroll D Wright has transmitted his annual report to the secretary of the interior. The report relates entirely to strikes and lockouts occurring in the United States for the period of six years beginning January 1 1881 and ending December 31 1886 Mr Wright says that the industrial depressions which have been so frequent in this country since 1837 really establish the period as one of strikes and lockouts The manufacturing establishment is taken as the unit in all matters rather than the strike The names of establishments have not been given for many apparent reasons, but the localities and the industries to which the establishments belong are all clearly specified

After detailing the methods by which the bureau collected its information and these show that the greatest care was taken in the investigation the commissioner states that there were for the whole period involved 22 [illegible] establishments in which strikes occurred and 2 182 in which lockouts occurred The strikes are divided by years as follows In 1881, 2,1[illegible]8 in 1882, 2 10[illegible] in 1883 2 7[illegible]9 in 1884, 2 3[illegible]6 in 1885 2 284 and in 1886, 9 893 Since the 1st of January 1887 so far as the bureau has been able to ascertain there has been a great falling off of strikes as compared with 1886 the number of establishments in which they occur dropping to [illegible] 000 three thousand of which occurred in the first half of the year

Nearly 75 per cent of the establishments in which strikes occurred for the six years named, and nearly 80 per cent of those in which lockouts occurred were in the five states of New York Pennsylvania, Massachusetts Ohio and Illinois which states contain 49 per cent of all the manufacturing establishments in the country and employ 58 per cent of the capital invested in mechanical industries of the country The total number of employes involved in the whole number of strikes for the whole period was 1 18,6[illegible]4, while the number of employes locked out was 1 [illegible]51 Of all the strikers nearly 8[illegible] per cent were males and about 11 per cent females while of those locked out, 69 per cent were males and 31 per cent females

The totals show that of the strikes occurring in the 22 [illegible]6 establishments during the period covered by the investigation those in 10 40[illegible] succeeded, and those in 3 004 met with partial success while in 8 91[illegible] establishments the strikes were failures Many difficulties were found in ascertaining the correct loss of employes but the information secured shows that the loss to them for the six years was $51 816 165 while the loss to employes through lockouts for the same period was $8 132 [illegible]17 or a total wage loss to employes through strikes and lockouts for the six years covered of $59,9[illegible] 8[illegible]

Three million three hundred and twenty five thousand and fifty seven dollars were expended in assistance to strikers, so far as ascertainable

The employers losses through strikes for the six years amounted to $ 3[illegible]7[illegible],658 and through lockouts to $ [illegible] 2[illegible] being a total loss to employers in establishments where strikes and lockouts occurred of $31 104 914

An examination of the summary tables by industries for both strikes and lockouts discloses the fact that the chief burden under strikes was borne by thirteen industries viz Boots and shoes 35[illegible] establishments brick making 478 building trades 6 060 clothing, 1,7[illegible]8 cooperage 4[illegible]4 food preparation 1 11[illegible] furniture 4[illegible]1 lumber 3[illegible] metals and metallic goods 1 [illegible]85 mining 2 0[illegible]0 stone, 468 tobacco 2 9[illegible]1 transportation 1 4[illegible]8 or a total number of establishments in these industries of 19 9[illegible]7 being about 89 per cent of the whole number of establishments subjected to strikes

In lockouts five trades bore 80 per cent of the whole burden They were as follows Boots and shoes [illegible] establishments building trades 531 clothing [illegible] metals and metallic goods 7[illegible] and tobacco 2[illegible]6 or a total of 1 7[illegible]1

For the two classes of disturbances strikes and lockouts these trades that have been named affected 2[illegible]4[illegible] establishments, or about 9[illegible] per cent of the whole number involved

Among the long list of strikes there were several which presented unusual difficulties in the way of statistical statement and for these namely the telegraphers strike of 1883 and the strikes on the Southern or Gould system of railways in 1885 and 1886 all having a National influence specific explanations are given

The facts given by the bureau regarding the strikes occurring prior to 1887 and also those relative to legislation and the decisions of courts concerning strikes combinations conspiracies and boycotts constitute an exceedingly valuable portion of the report

All Supremely Happy

WASHINGTON Dec 30—The sensational elopement of Mr Gracie Bulkley and Miss Hillyer to Baltimore where they were married and the subsequent suit on behalf of Miss Hillyer's parent to annul the marriage have filled the local papers here for the past few days. A new phase was put upon the matter yesterday afternoon by the withdrawal by Miss Hillyer's parents of the suit *All the parties to the marriage and the parents* of the contracting parties have become reconciled and all is now happy The high social position of the parties has given the episode universal prominence

Congressman Taylor's Bereavement

WASHINGTON Dec 30—Mrs Taylor, the wife of Congressman Ezra B Taylor of Ohio was stricken down on Connecticut avenue yesterday with apoplexy She was removed to Providence hospital in the police ambulance, where she died at 2 p m without regaining consciousness. It was not until after 4 o'clock that her body was identified

Mrs Taylor was about fifty five years of age and the second wife of Congressman Taylor whom she married about six weeks ago

Silver Dollars

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30—The issue of standard silver dollars from the mints during the week ended December 24 was $675 7[illegible] The issue during the corresponding period of last year was $509 987 The shipments of fractional silver coin since the 1st inst amounts to $640 051

Three Hundred School Mistresses

WASHINGTON Dec 30—The 300 visiting school mistresses from New York and Brooklyn in groups of ten wandered around the various departments yesterday, in spite of the low thermometer and nipping breeze

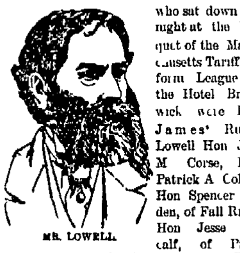
Secretary Endicott at Work

WASHINGTON Dec 30—Secretary Endicott after an absence of several weeks from Washington has returned to his office

TARIFF REFORMERS

Banquet of the Massachusetts Tariff Reform League in Boston

BOSTON Dec 30—Among the distinguished men from various sections of the country who sat down last night at the banquet of the Massachusetts Tariff Reform League at the Hotel Brunswick were Hon James Russell Lowell Hon John M Corse, Hon Patrick A Collins, Hon Spencer Borden, of Fall River, Hon Jesse Metcalf, of Providence Hon John M. Forbes, Professor E B Andrews George E McNeill Frank K. Foster, Hon John H Rogers Hon George M Stearns W C P Breckenridge, member of congress, of Kentucky W L Wilson member of congress, of West Virginia Senator Morgan of Alabama, Gen Hazard Stevens and Josiah Quincy



MR. LOWELL

At a preliminary meeting of the league, Col. Charles R. Codman presiding resolutions endorsing President Cleveland's message were unanimously adopted, and officers were elected as follows President, Henry L Pierce vice presidents J R. Lowell, William Endicott, Jr, Robert Blakie, M P Stevens, C R Codman, A. P Martin, John M Forbes, Julius H Selye, F O Prince, J S Ropes Henry Lee, M. D Spaulding T P A Collins, William Lloyd Garrison and others

The party then proceeded to the banquet hall, and Rev James Freeman Clark invoked divine blessing After justice had been done to the menu Hon. James Russell Lowell opened the speaking Mr Lowell's speech was a brilliant effort and evoked enthusiastic applause He unqualifiedly approved the general tenor of President Cleveland's message and argued at length in favor of tariff revision At the first mention of the president's name there was loud applause and Dr William Everett, Jr proposed three cheers for president, which were given in a hearty manner

Mr Lowell after a few introductory remarks said "One certainty of the reasons that chiefly suggested the opportuneness of our coming together here has been the president's message at the opening of the present congress. Personally, I confess that I feel myself strongly attracted to Mr Cleveland as the best representative of higher type of Americanism that we have seen since Lincoln was snatched from us But we are not here to felicitate each other that the presidential chair has a man in it and this means that every word he says is weighed with what he is We are here to felicitate each other that his man understands politics to mean business, not chicanery, that he has had the courage to tell the truth to the country without regard to personal or party consequences and thus to remind us that a country not worth telling the truth to is not worth living in, nay deserves to have lies told it, and to take the inevitable consequences in calamity The president has set the example not only of courage but of good sense and moderation He has kept strictly to his text, and in thus limiting the filed of his warning he has done wisely and we shall do wisely in following his example His facts and his figures will work all the more effectually But we must be patient with them and expect them to work slowly Enormous interests are involved and must be treated tenderly "

Upon the conclusion of his address Mr Lowell introduced Senator Morgan, of Alabama who expressed his rejoicing that the south and north could now write on a great question of economic reform Though Alabama is now a manufacturing state he did not believe her prosperity would be augmented by a protective tariff

Congressman Breckinridge of Kentucky, said that protection was an artificial stimulus and was unhealthful as all artificial stimulus are

Messrs Stearns Codman Wilson, Rogers and Everett also spoke

Into an Open Switch

STEUBENVILLE O, Dec 30—At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the west bound Pittsburg Cincinnati & St Louis train ran into an open switch at Connoton, thirty eight miles west of this city wrecking the engine and entire train, and instantly killing Fireman Charles Evans, whose home was at Hanlon's station Washington county, Pa

GROWTH OF THE SOUTH.

THE MANUFACTURERS RECORD'S REVIEW OF ITS INDUSTRIES

In Many Respects the Most Remarkable Year in the History of That Section More Was Accomplished Than Ever Before in the Same Length of Time

BALTIMORE Dec 30—The Manufacturers Record publishes to day its annual review of the industrial growth of the south for 1887 which it says was in many respects the most remarkable year in the history of that section as work was accomplished for the progress of the whole south than ever before in the same length of time Of the fourteen southern states there are only four in which the capital invested in new enterprises was not more than double the amount invested last year

The number of new enterprises organized or established during 1887 as compared with 1886 was as follow

	1887	1886
Iron furnace companies	29	28
Machine shops and foundries	103	68
Agricultural implement factories	2	11
Flour mills	133	92
Cotton mills	77	9
Gas works	26	4
Furniture factories	75	23
Water works	88	42
Carriage and wagon factories	44	18
Electric light companies	83	31
Mining and quarrying enterprises	562	17
Lumber mills including saw and planing mills etc	176	111
Ice factories	38	10
Canning factories	42	17
Stove foundries	4	8
Brick works	109	63
Miscellaneous iron works	1	26
Cotton compresses	18	11
Cotton seed oil mills	18	4
Natural gas companies	5	21
Miscellaneous enterprises not included above	149	418
Total	1449	1 573

The amount of capital including capital stock of incorporated companies organized during 1887 compared with 1886 was

	1887	1886
Alabama	$ 47 18[illegible] 000	$ 11 512 000
Arkansas	1 8 000	15 40 000
Florida	[illegible]8 000	1 8 000
Georgia	1 81 000	17 [illegible] 000
Kentucky	10 13 000	28 401 000
Louisiana	5 8 000	2 40 000
Maryland	1 197 000	8 785 000
Mississippi	1 100	771 000
North Carolina	9 16 000	1 17 000
South Carolina	1 51 000	1 558 000
Tennessee	3 90 000	21 10 000
Texas	10 40 000	5 6[illegible] 000
Virginia	23 [illegible] 000	8 11 000
West Virginia	5 06 000	5 00 000
Total	$2[illegible] 88 000	$1[illegible] 2[illegible]8 000

For cotton manufacturing there has been great activity, and seventy seven new mills have been projected many of them now being constructed which is the largest number ever reported in one year Cotton mills are reported as having oversold their production and many old mills are being greatly enlarged to meet the demand for goods The increasing diversification of southern industries is illustrated in the fact that Alabama alone has secured during 1887 the location of five large car building plants one each at Birmingham Anniston and Gadsden and two at Decatur The Anniston works will cost $1,000 000, employ 1 000 men and will turn out twenty complete cars a day In the building of rolling mills pipe works machine shops and foundries, the same activity is seen while furniture factories agricultural implement works flour mills gas and electric works canning factories wood working establishments, etc, are being started all over the south

THE HARLEM DEMOCRATS

A Dinner Which is Considered the Opening Gun in the Presidential Campaign

NEW YORK Dec 30—The Harlem Democratic club gave a dinner to 175 lights of the Democracy last night It was considered the opening gun in the presidential canvass Among those present were Governor Hill, Senator Vance Charles A Dana and Roswell P Flower The toast, "The President of the United States was drank standing and in silence and a letter was then read from the president regretting his inability to be present Governor Hill, after expressing confidence in New York state going Democratic in 1888, said I need not allude to the many excellent acts of President Cleveland's administration You know my views on this *it would suffice* to say that his administration has met the expectations of the country The governor then closed by wishing success to the club and its efforts in behalf of the Democratic party

Senator Vance of North Carolina, responded to "The Union of States, Indivisible for Ever He said this was the sentiment of all the southern states They had never complained of the Union but when a majority undertook as was thought, to injure and oppress the minority they resisted These causes have passed away no matter by what means and they recognized the inevitable and resumed their love of the Union which would be perfect as soon as a portion of the states ceased to claim the right to interfere with the domestic affairs of others

Hon A P Gorman spoke to Government by Party and predicted success in 1888

Riot On a Passenger Train

WHEELING W Va Dec 30—A serious riot occurred on a passenger train on the Chesapeake & Ohio railway, near Hinton Monday night in which several persons were badly, one of them fatally wounded A party of a half dozen men under the influence of liquor boarded the train at Madison station, and attempted to take possession Conductor Frank Atkinson shot one of the men in the abdomen when the brother of the wounded man pushed a pistol into the conductor's mouth and shot his tongue out Brakeman Watson's hand was struck on the head and disabled and a colored man was shot through the body

An Overdue Steamer

QUEENSTOWN Dec 30—The steamship Lord Gough which left Philadelphia *for* Liverpool December 16 has not yet arrived here and anxiety is felt about her

Callan's Defense

LOWELL Mass Dec 30 Gen Roger A Pryor has secured Sir Charles Russell and George H Lewis of England to defend the alleged dynamiter Callan.

BRIEF MENTION

News of the Day Condensed for the Hasty Peruser

Ed Graves, shot Joe Herron in a street fight at Keene, Ky

Jake Kilrain has been presented with $6,000 for his recent go with Smith

Gordon de Grot, of Quincy, Wis, was found frozen to death in a farm yard

James Steed has been pardoned from the Ohio penitentiary by Governor Foraker

Patrick Flynn, a mine laborer, was frozen to death in a coal shed at Greensburg, Pa.

It is estimated that the December revenues will add another $15,000,000 to the surplus.

Coal is being shipped to Cincinnati and Louisville from Pittsburg by rail, and the price is steadily advancing

Oscar Styles, while attempting to light the gas under a boiler, at Arcadia, O, was seriously burned by an explosion.

A county seat war is raging in Harper county Kansas. The rival factions are arming, and serious trouble is feared.

Frank Weeks, of Anderson, Ind, seventeen years old has been sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for petit larceny

Frederick, Md, was visited by a tornado on Thursday morning, which unroofed several houses and uprooted numerous trees.

The funeral of Governor Marmaduke will take place from the executive mansion Jefferson City Mo, on Saturday, the 31st

Kansas City's Sunday closing ordinance has been declared unconstitutional by Recorder Davenport. The saloonists are jubilant

It is probable that the Indianapolis, Decatur & Springfield railway will soon pass into control of the Peoria Decatur & Evansville

Robert Sadler, on the eve of his marriage to Miss Carrie Richardson, at Paris, Ky skipped out and has not been heard from since

Tommy Warren, the feather weight pugilist was honorably acquitted of the charge of larceny preferred by Mrs Gilmore of Chicago

Governor Beaver appointed Mat Britt justice of the peace at Carlisle Pa, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of James M Waggoner

Mrs Fredericka Moorman, living on Cutter street in Cincinnati was burned to death by her clothes being ignited from a fire in a stove The body was burned to a crisp

Col C D Phillips, at Dallas, Ga., made severe strictures upon leading citizen N F Bullock to a jury Bullock opened fire on the attorney, one shot entering each arm

John Dooley, of Chicago became delirious from being ill, and while his watcher was absent he escaped, in his night clothes. His frozen body was found by police officers.

John North, of Philadelphia, went home drunk, quarreled with his wife, aimed a blow at her face, but struck their three-months-old child crushing its skull and causing instant death

Col Bennet Young president of the Louisville Southern railroad, was elected honorary member of the Louisville board of trade He is the youngest man upon whom the honor was ever conferred.

Freight engine locked horns with the Chicago & St Louis Albert Lea express at Lily Coaches were wrecked and three passengers badly hurt The other travelers were forced out into the snowstorm in their night clothes and suffered severely

At Martin's Ferry, O, Mrs Coyne died after a three weeks' siege of typhoid fever and made an ante mortem statement accusing her husband of hurrying the event by giving her poison. The woman is dead and Coyne has fled.

Engagement is announced of Ensign Daniel W Edgar, of the United States navy, son of Mme Jerome Bonaparte, to Miss Victoria Emory, daughter of the late Gen. William H Emory and sister of Capt W H Emory, commander of the Thetis in the Greely expedition. The marriage will take place next spring

Indications.

WASHINGTON, D C, Dec. 30—Warmer fair weather, light to fresh variable winds becoming generally southwesterly

MEETING AT DELMONICO'S

Annual Dinner of the New York Board of Trade and Transportation.

NEW YORK, Dec 30—The annual dinner *of the board of trade and transportation was* held last night at Delmonico's President Ambrose Snow presided and among the guests were Mayor Hewitt, Bishop Potter, Hon Augustus Schoonmaker, Hon Amos Cummings, Senator Whitthorne, Hon R R Hitt, of Illinois, S B Elkins, Gen. J M Schofield, and Hon. W H Robertson. It was expected that Roscoe Conkling and Senator Hawley would be present but they sent regrets

Mayor Hewitt in his speech, severely denounced the work of secret organizations as shown in the Reading strike, and said that unless the present struggle disrupted the order, which caused it, the issue of the next election would not be the tariff but the maintenance of law and order Men who at the last Democratic State convention talked so much of the rights of labor, were demagogues not statesmen

The rest of the speeches were on ordinary topics of trade and commerce A letter complimentary to the board was read from Secretary Bayard

The Ticket Fraud Investigation.

PITTSBURG, Dec 30—Mr O A Rogers, who has been in charge of the passenger department of the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad since the beginning of the investigation now in progress, was seen at the company's office yesterday He said that the books were still in the hands of the auditor, and that he had not yet submitted any report. He was positive that none would be presented until the investigation is completed

A Steamer Sunk.

BOSTON, Dec 30—The last news from the steamer New Castle, at Nantucket, is that she was sunk off south shoal lightship and her crew were still on board.

Silk Mills Assign.

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec 30—The owners of the Glenwood silk mill assigned yesterday Liabilities not learned.

THE READING TROUBLES.

STATE OF AFFAIRS IN THE GREAT RAILROAD STRIKE

Everything Remains Quiet and Almost the Usual Number of Trains Running—A Convention of the Philadelphia & Reading Employes—Labor Notes.

READING, Pa, Dec 30—Notwithstanding the efforts that have been made during the past twenty four hours to induce the employes of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad company in this city to go on a strike all remained at their posts and everything is quiet Traffic is proceeding as usual although there have been fewer trains down to-day than yesterday This is due to the reported blockade of the tracks at Richmond junction and other points down the road Although various orders have been issued and several walking delegates who arrived here last evening have been operating among the knights none of the men have left their places and it is stated that none will

A leading knight said We are waiting an official report to see how matters stand I do not think that the men in and around Reading will obey any order to strike except it come to them through the proper source and from the proper authorities. I mean by that, that only an order of the National executive board of the Knights of Labor will be respected There are some hot headed members to blame for the present trouble and we are anxious that they should be published The company of course, is also to *blame in some respects and on these point* we should have a perfect understanding

The employes of the Reading Railroad company in this city have disapproved of and discountenanced the strike as being on insufficient grounds and they will do all in their power to bring about an early solution of the present difficulties They have paid no attention to the circular issued by Chairman John L Lee and as far as could be learned have no knowledge of an order for a general strike

If however, the inevitable should come and they be forced out, leading men among them say that the fight will be a long and bitter one Notices offering a reward of $1 000 to any person furnishing evidence that shall lead to the arrest and conviction of any person or persons guilty of violence to the company's employes or its property signed by I A Sweigard general superintendent have been posted around the freight and passenger depots and in the vicinity of the machine and car shops The Knights of Labor here say that even if matters come to the worst the men will be carefully instructed to avoid violence to person and property

The Reading company have also obtained all the help they need Trains are running on time and Superintendent Cable says he expects to send 3,500 cars of coal and freight to Philadelphia during the next twenty four hours.

The train hands on the Frackville branch have nearly all resumed work, and Superintendent *C M Lawler, of the Mahanoy and* Shamokin district, telegraphs from Shamokin that he expects to have a full complement of men by to morrow and that there have been no attempts on the part of the strikers any where in his district to interfere with non union men. A dozen engineers have been sent from Philadelphia to Shamokin Officials here say that the strike is over and do not anticipate the least trouble Superintendent Cable says the company is running the road now, and that the Knights of Labor are not likely to be consulted hereafter They have had their day we propose to take a hand now

The leading topic here is the probable outcome of the work of the convention of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad employes, and miners Over 100 delegates arrived during the day, representing every assembly in Reading territory The delegates began arriving early in the morning but when the afternoon trains came in it became apparent that the number of delegates exceeded the expectations of everybody The Schuylkill delegation representing railroaders and miners, numbered over one hundred and fifty, and the Philadelphia delegation headed by Bernard Sharkey, numbered fully fifty persons It was found necessary in the evening to obtain possession of the largest room in Excelsior hall in order to accommodate the delegates Bernard Sharkey, of Philadelphia, presided and Charles Bensemau of Port Carbon, was secretary The delegate had very little to say It was evident however, that the session, which is a secret one is likely to continue for some time

The convention immediately got down to business John E Lee addressed the body explaining why the strike was called and ordered off Philadelphia & Reading employe approved of his action and he believes the convention will approve of his ordering the men out again He charged Superintendent Sweigard with treachery and said he had deceived the committee shamefully He said there would be a general strike in the coal region, not only in Schuylkill but in the Wyoming district also

Returning to Work

POTTSVILLE Pa, Dec 30—Falo Alto officials say that fifty Knights of Labor men old employes have returned voluntarily to work and that the force is rapidly filling up with new and old hands Yesterday for the first time since the strike began Every department of the railroad including branches planes shops etc were working The only points north of Reading where there seems to be any hitch is at Falo Alto and Shamokin The Mine Hill branch has every engine out on the road working as if nothing had happened Since Tuesday morning up to 10 o'clock yesterday they had dispatched eighteen coal and four freight trains down the main line the operating their own division Dispatches furnished quite a number of crews for work outside of their territories There was a little division at the Schuylkill Haven crossing in the morning when six shifting engine men tried to get up a strike but were summarily discharged and their places filled at once

At Gordon Planes and Pine Grove matters are going along smooth Tamaqua men still continue at work The force at The Foot Mahanoy Plane was very much increased yesterday and it easily handled the light and loaded was furnished by the planes At Frackville the work engines are busily engaged lifting the [illegible] Places

BRIEF MENTION

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The president and party have returned to Washington

The Ohio river at Cincinnati has closed The ice extends from shore to shore

Frank Hale a brakeman, fell under the cars at Selma O and was crushed to death

Theodore Schotak near Loveland, O, has lost some valuable horses by feeding ensilage

Sylvester Bassett is on trial at Shelbyville, Ind charged with the murder of his brother

Jefferson Arrowsmith fell from a railroad bridge near Marietta O, and was instantly killed

O Connor Power, ex Liberal member of the English parliament has arrived in New York

The $5 000 deposited by R K. Fox in the Kilrain Smith fight has been presented to Kilrain

Fritz Bevan fourteen years old was fatally burned at Clarkston Ga, while playing with fireworks

Senator Voorhees has volunteered his services to defend the tally sheet forgery cases at Indianapolis

Richard H Barringer, of Troy, N Y, died from an affection of the heart brought on by smoking cigarettes

The postoffice safe at Charleston, W Va., was blown open and robbed of $400 in money and $1,100 in stamps.

Fred Scott of Shelby, O, has been sentenced to five years in the penitentiary for burglary and larceny

At an election in St Joseph county, Michigan, the local option advocates defeated the saloons by 1,400 majority

The Weber claim to land in New York city, which amounts to millions of dollars is said to be an old swindle revived

The postoffice at Massillon, O, has been burglarized The thieves secured about $11 worth of stamps and $10 in cash

The centennial birthday of Cincinnati was celebrated at the Palace hotel, Wednesday night, by the Order of Cincinnatus

The safe in the store of H B Millen & Brother, at East Aurora, N Y, was blown open by burglars and robbed of $1,800

The Western National bank of New York has been approved as a reserve agent for the National Lafayette bank of Cincinnati

Governor John S Marmaduke, of Missouri died at 9 37 o'clock, Wednesday evening, at the executive mansion in Jefferson City

Charles Wilson, sentenced for five years and W W Wynn, for four years, have been taken to the penitentiary from Canton, O

Rev Hugh O Pentecost's former congregation at Newark, N J, has passed resolution asking him to resume charge of the church

Adam Martin, of Berry county, Pennsylvania, has been arrested for defrauding an old soldier named Seyoc out of his pension money

John I Littleton editor of the National Review, who was shot by Joseph R Banks on December 24 at Nashville, Tenn, died on Wednesday

President McKeen of the Vandalia, denies that his company is endeavoring to secure control of the Cincinnati Hamilton & Dayton property

Henry Hamp became involved in a quarrel at a Christmas dance near Shawneetown, Ill with Bob White, in which the latter received a fatal wound

John Dorsey, the engineer of the Chicago & Atlantic freight train, which ran into the passenger train at Kouts some time ago, has been arrested

Buck Hadden a noted desperado and jail bird, has been arrested and placed in jail at Indianapolis On his person was found $22 in counterfeit money

The steamer Oceanic, from China and Japan, is quarantined at San Francisco, as two cases of smallpox were discovered among its steerage passengers.

Dr Bradley, the cocaine victim under treatment at the home for inebriates in New York, is very much improved, and a permanent cure is looked for

Professor L McHubbs, of the American Normal college at Logansport, Ind, has fled He acknowledged that he had appropriated college funds to his own use

The directors of the Western National bank, of New York, have not yet agreed upon a successor to Mr Manning's position as president of that institution

The hearing of the tally sheet forgery cases at Columbus Ga, has been postponed from January 3 to a date early in February on application of the defendants

Rev O A Gilford, of Boston, the most prominent Baptist clergyman in New England, has become an advocate of the anti poverty doctrine of Henry George

Tenson Sewall only son of Professor Sewall, of the Theological seminary at Bangor, Me, was drowned this morning while skating on the Penobscot at Hampden.

Two small children of H A Savage, at Wilkesbarre, Pa, died suddenly after a few hours sickness The bodies turned black after and physicians are unable to name the disease

At a Christmas entertainment given in a church at Fairbury, Ill, a fire broke out, and several persons were trampled under foot, and some of them fatally injured The building was saved

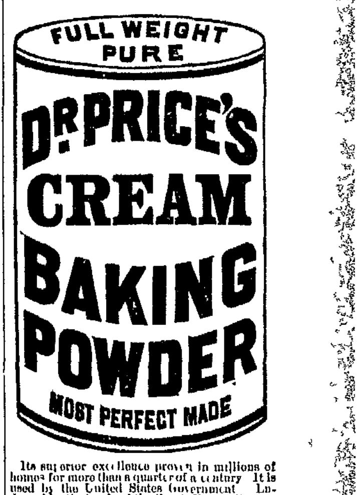
Frank Fuller, who killed Archbishop Seghers on the Yonkon river in Alaska, has been been found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to McNeil's island for ten years and to pay a fine of $1,000

The shingle makers and shippers in the vicinity of Mobile complain that the railroads have advanced rates more than 40 per cent to points outside of the state, seriously crippling that industry

Henry Heffner has been arrested at Terre Haute for stealing merchandise from freight cars He had organized a gang of about thirty small boys to carry out his schemes most of whom have been apprehended

John Hunter has been elected president of the American Jockey club, vice August Belmont resigned, and Frederick A Lovecraft elected treasurer The Brooklyn club has given way to the American for Decoration Day.

A patron of the Alexandria Natural Gas company at Alexandria Ind has brought suit against the company for $2,000 damages. He used gas for fuel purposes, and claims that the company increased the force, thereby setting his house on fire



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PRICE BAKING POWDER CO
New York Chicago St Louis

also supplying collieries in St Clair district with cars

At Shamokin matters are pretty much at a standstill Freights and passenger trains are all running The first coal train went west yesterday, and it was expected that five more would be sent out Officials are making no special effort to operate lines west The strikers have this end of the line in hand and are peaceable, but keeping new hands out The miner leaders can only carry about 50 per cent of the miners with them at most.

Representatives called on Superintendent Veith yesterday He said "I don't believe the miners will strike even if ordered by the Miners' union leaders Our workingmen have too much good sense to engage in what would surely be a failure if they go out. But even *if all the Knights of Labor and amalgamated* workers are ordered and go out we will get our collieries in working trim, the same as the railroad company is doing now in spite of their little difficulty We have twenty collieries working to-day, and will get more in operation as fast as they get cars

No Strike on the Pennsylvania

PITTSBURG, Pa, Dec 30—The Pennsylvania company has no fear of trouble among their men An official of the Fort Wayne road talked freely on the question He said, "The men have decided to ask for more pay, and their committee will be heard in a few days by leading officials of the road The men ask for the advance because of the enlarged trains because of the additional cost of living in the winter and because the heavier traffic increases the earnings of the company as they feel that the advance should be acceded to The request will come in the shape of a petition and not as demand "

"Will your company grant the petition?'

That I am unable to say The matter will be taken under advisement A council of the officials will be held in the near future and in all probability the question will be settled by them

"Can you anticipate the result in case the decision is adverse to the men's request?"

'Only to the extent that there will be no strike"

Amalgamated Association Scale

PITTSBURG, Dec 30—The new scale of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers will go into effect on next Monday morning if it is accepted by the manufacturers which is a little doubtful at present. The scale was presented to the manufacturers on Tuesday last and they have been examining it since that time While the manufacturers are not yet organized, they all *seem* to think that the wages should be reduced instead of being advanced as in the amalgamated scale A strike may occur if the demands are insisted upon by the men

Flint Glass Manufacturers

PITTSBURG, Pa, Dec 30—M D C Ripley, the well known flint glass manufacturer of the South Side, denied that the manufacturers contemplated starting up their factories with the non union men He said that very few orders for glassware were coming in and he did not anticipate any worth mentioning for some in the future The winter trade has been supplied, and jobbers are not calling for any additional stock

T P Quinn in Charge of the Strike

NEW YORK, Dec 30—Timothy Putnam Quinn of District Assembly 49 and the Home club has been placed in charge of the Reading strike by the officers of the general assembly [illegible]

To Test Governor Hill's Power

NEW YORK Dec 30—Governor Hill has removed John Jay, of this city, and Henry A Richmond, of Buffalo, from the civil service board and appointed Gen Daniel E Sickles of this city, and Mr J James Manning of Albany, son of the late Daniel Manning and editor of the Argus in their places The governor asked Messrs Jay and Richmond to resign last summer, but they declined and proposed to test his power of absolute removal

Knocked Seventy Feet

KINGSTON Pa, Dec 30—Benjamin Hartman a carpenter employed at the New Woodward breaker, while on his way to work yesterday, was struck by a Delaware Lackawanna & Western coal train near this place, and knocked seventy feet sustaining injuries from which he soon died He was a married man and resided in Shickshinny

Train Robbers Arrested

VERNAL, Utah, Dec 30—L U King and J T Matthews two of the four train robbers that went through Denver & Rio Grande passenger trains near Grand Junction last October and secured considerable booty from the mail car, were arrested here yesterday. Government officers are pursuing the other two through the mountains, with good prospects of securing them in a few days

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

ADIEU, 1887 The time has come to say a brief farewell Fleeting time has wafted one more year into the peculiar past and another is at the threshold awaiting a welcome Yours, '87, is another case of "gone but not forgotten The strained condition of foreign affairs, the throttle of anarchy, the horrible rail road wrecks, the progress of invention and numerous other important occurrences during your stay give you a place in history

The coming year will be no less important The centennial of Presidential elections will be celebrated by as hot a campaign as two vigorous parties and the side skirmishers can make it National affairs of utmost importance will be settled, and Ohio will celebrate her great centennial Women who have spent three years more in patient waiting—in vain, too—are granted one more opportunity by popular custom to catch the men who refuse to fish And, oh, there are thousands of things in contemplation Countless new resolutions will be observed at the start, and were will power strong enough to keep them inviolate the world would be incomparably better Seared consciences throw off their callousness, seemingly the beginning of every new year and the good resolutions that result would form a monument to reform incomputable Could they be fostered by a sustaining influence, the world would indeed be better

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RUMORS of wars are rife across the pond but they have been rife so long that no important significance is attached to them There is no question that some of the powers over there would like to "everlastingly wallop" some of the others, but are restrained from so doing on account of complications that would arise However, if the "effete monarchies" of the east want to claw each other it is in order to call the attention of foreign governments to the excellent fire arms America produces and likewise to the superior quality of her bread stuffs and mess pork, all of which will be sold in lots to suit the purchaser for spot cash The enterprising daily press of the United States will also make it a point to see that the public is promptly and accurately informed as to the latest developments from the seat of war

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A NOTABLE success in the way of colonization is at Nicodemus, Graham county, Kansas The village and immediate region were settled almost exclusively by negroes, and in the village which has a population of 500 people, there are only two white persons The people had a hard struggle, but they have conquered, and the sod houses and dug outs in which they first found shelter have given way to neat and comfortable dwellings All of their land and improvements have been paid for, and the settlement is prosperous and happy The town is well supplied with churches and an excellent school, has books in plenty, newspapers are common and sobriety and intelligence prevail

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A SAD story comes from Kansas on the heel of the telegraphic reports of the blizzard People who went there and had not had time to settle down are starving owing to their scanty provisions giving out and their remote distance from the sources of food supply, and in some districts this condition is aggravated by lack of fuel and the inability of the railroads to furnish enough coal cars to supply the demand for the black diamonds Their situation is deplorable, and under the circumstances almost impossible to avert

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IT seems that hot headed Knights of Labor refuse to consider the serious results of a strike before rushing themselves and co laborers into it The misery that must result from the Reading strike, is hard to imagine, yet it was undertaken without the least sensible cause in the world The Knights of Labor must abandon the idea of their owning the earth, or public sympathy *will desert even more rapidly than it* seems to be doing now

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THE great ministerial trial in Cleveland has ended in the acquittal of Dr Hildreth The trial has attracted a great deal of attention and has doubtless done more harm than good The suspicion cast on the popular Dr Hildreth will never leave him either so long as he lives even though they may have been utterly groundless

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IT is not infrequent that we are requested to withhold little matters of news from publication, and the very same intelligence is given in one or the other of our esteemed contemporaries at the same time in the form of a legal notice This is all right of course, but we mention as evidence of what paper is read most

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UPPER SANDUSKY'S Council has decided to drill three more wells in her search for gas Our Wyandott friends have the pluck, at least, to accomplish something, but their tenacity in this case is like the lottery victim who continued to pay ten dollars to draw one, thinking that eventually he was sure to hit it hard

A Michigan [illegible] of the Detroit [illegible] woman of that [illegible] day he first step [illegible] by filing the application [illegible] able proceeding [illegible] attention [illegible] rageous by the bar and better class of citizens with great [illegible] A [illegible] exchange thus refers to the matter If such things can be done in Michigan the divorce laws of that State [illegible] more disgraceful than those of many other American communities With an eye to the possibility of [illegible] on almost any pretext and the opportunity to begin and end a legal proceedings in one day the marriage relation comes very near destruction and a vigorous effort should be made by all right minded men and women to bring about a speedy reform

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FINDLAY seems to have a great deal of trouble with her gas, but we would be willing to put up with explosions, hangings in effigy and the like if we could [illegible] it

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Claridon Adelaide

In speaking of the land belonging to the Mozier & Aye Bros near Manhattan Kas your types should have put it 1000 instead of 100

The horse attached to the carriage in which Mr and Mrs W S Aye were intending to go to church Sunday last became frightened and ran away The animal took a jaunt of four and a half miles and was found Monday with the carriage still attached and nothing broken

W J Smith's patent fence is meeting with a large sale He receives orders from all parts of the country daily

A shooting match has been held here during the holidays by John Phillips and Lew Squibb

The festival on Saturday night last was quite pleasant though poorly attended on account of the prevalence of measles in this vicinity

C F Haley who is attending school at Ada, was at home over Christmas

Mrs Hattie Smith is visiting relatives and friends at Prospect She will go from there to Columbus on a short visit

Isaac Brocklesby wears a smile eight inches in circumference It is hardly needful to say there is another new Democrat in town

Miss Lura Aye a junior at the O W U accompanied by a classmate Miss Barr of Illinois is spending the holidays at her home

H C Garvin returned Monday from Fowler where he has been visiting his son Columbus

Putting up ice is in order It was never nicer

Mr and Mrs Geo Mozier and Mr and Mrs C R Mozier of Edison visited at Jacob Howser's last Sunday

J I Helvie General agent for the Minneapolis binder was in Claridon over Sunday

Mrs George Hostetter is improving and her recovery is now hoped for

A party is announced for Thursday night of this week at James McDonald's

Regarding the wonderful water referred to last week we have a few additional facts It is becoming more abundant and flows from the ground in some places with an ominous hissing sound and it is truly an unusual spectacle as observed by your correspondent The strange fluid whatever it is, is destructive of life, since the fish in the stream are long since dead Great numbers of people have come to see it and what it is remains to be told by the geologist

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Prospect

Another blizzard struck this place Wednesday, and coal and wood were in demand

The ice on the river is in good condition for skating By the way we saw several young bloods from Marion on the ice here the other day

Christmas was observed here by a great many festivities The Methodists held their ceremonies Saturday evening consisting of several choice selections of music speeches and Santa Clause appearing from a representation of a snow house and he was cheerfully received by all the scholars of the Sabbath school An immense crowd was in attendance

The Reform Sunday school held its exercises Sunday evening, consisting of singing by the choir, the rendition of several pieces of prose and poetry by younger members of the school and the distribution of the presents from a beautiful evergreen tree and all members of the school were treated to candy popcorn and peanuts

The Lutherans held their exercises also on Sunday evening and a large number were in attendance

The Baptists had their doings Monday evening Music by the choir interspersed with speeches etc and Santa Claus appearance in fantastic apparel which created lots of fun was the program

A masquerade ball was held at the Opera House on Thursday night The music was furnished by the Prospect orchestra and it is said to have been a pleasant affair

The Methodists and Baptists will have their union festival at Opera House on Friday evening Dec 30 This will certainly be a large entertainment judging from the preparations that are being made

Christmas has passed over with but a few rows and drunks and we must say it has been the most orderly Christmas in this place we have seen for years

[illegible] Hunter of Marion was here over Christmas He is always welcomed

Joseph Cratty of Columbus spent a few days with his friends at this place

Some of the young men [illegible] have procured [illegible] boxing gloves and [illegible] learning the manly art of self defense [illegible] black eyes and [illegible]

C A [illegible] suffering [illegible] hand [illegible] meeting [illegible]

December [illegible] 1887 M

SEWER PIPE

You [illegible] the best sewer pipe [illegible] cheap as the cheapest [illegible] lumber and coal yard [illegible]

OUR EDUCATION!

[illegible]

The Speech of M B Christ at the Dedicatory Services of the Marion Normal School An Able and Eloquent Address

In [illegible] all men —Mankind, without the [illegible] offspring, light of knowledge would be like the [illegible] when [illegible] the night [illegible] half [illegible] life giving rays from the [illegible] the blackness of earth's [illegible] ignorance [illegible] would bury [illegible] its [illegible] grave There [illegible] Without the power and [illegible] Babylon and Nineveh with their [illegible] walls and towers would never have been known [illegible] pyramids of Egypt [illegible] science and [illegible] learning [illegible] her palaces [illegible] grandeur and greatness to the art [illegible] civilization [illegible] scholar [illegible] philosophy [illegible] poetry as well as [illegible] existence of [illegible] held in mind Great Britain upon [illegible] vast dominions it is said, the sun [illegible] his course never sets over her [illegible] influence primarily to her institutions for learning America the land of liberty, of refuge and [illegible], free, republican, enlightened America the grandest government [illegible] the admiration, the pride and [illegible] of all nations, the surprise [illegible] of the world is so by reason [illegible] colleges and institutions of learning

The grand system of common schools [illegible] present light and ornament of her public [illegible] and the palladium of our civil and [illegible] liberties

The [illegible] of our great [illegible] man [illegible] will now in the departments of science, philosophy, government, poetry and literature is [illegible] for this intelligent audience

Freer are the [illegible] of the western [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Or Rome's [illegible] virtues [illegible]
[illegible] though the immortal sage inspired
On Solon's [illegible] Greece in Senate [illegible]
Nor manlier eloquence [illegible] fired
When [illegible] thundered from the Attic [illegible]
tongue

Thus has education, even from its early exclusiveness to its present wide spread usefulness, been the lever that has moved the world It is now the power, and ever will be, that frees the mind and body from the slavery of superstition and the misery of darkness, and brings it into the sunlight of everlasting day

Thus is our land blessed with its [illegible] of learning beaming from every hill, valley, plain and mountain throughout the length and breadth of her vast [illegible] and we are assembled today to witness the setting apart of still another plant of the tree of knowledge which has been christened The Normal Institute

This, my friends, is a want long felt by Marion and adjoining counties It will create and habituate a desire for the good and true rather than the bad and false Its moral influence upon the young of our community, if properly conducted, will be immeasurable Its importance to the commercial and other interests of Marion has already been recognized by our business men in their liberal [illegible] to advance its noble cause and their untiring [illegible] behalf Standing at the threshold of its existence, we are proud that it has been established in our midst under such auspicious commencement It is the earnest desire of the *President and Directors of the institution* that the good people of Marion county may foster and care for it, may throw around it their strong arms of protection and support and carry it through its days of weakness such as naturally come in the first stages of the existence of all earthly things For myself I am encouraged that its existence is assured but it must not eke out simply a bare existence, it should live and thrive and grow strong and healthy that its rays of light may fall in every home and give it warmth for every minute

For what I am about to say I may be called radical, an extremist, but nevertheless I will give it utterance [illegible] responsible and abide the consequences We live in an age of progress We should not revere that which is old simply on account of its age but only on account of its merit Neither should we be lovers of innovation because it is new [illegible] only because it is a boon to mankind

The methods of instruction of the Normal Institute as its name signifies shall serve as a model of imitation The past and present methods of instruction in our colleges, union and common schools and other institutions of learning, are yet far from being free from the just imputation of old fogyism notwithstanding they have undergone great and advanced changes since our grandfathers' days All honor to them I would not utter one word derogatory to their sincere efforts, but

Standing still is childish folly
Going backward is a crime
None should patiently endure
Any ill that he can cure
Onward keep the march [illegible]
Onward while a wrong remains
[illegible]
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[illegible]

I am convinced that in our [illegible] union and common schools we need a radical change in the methods of instruction [illegible] in order to make us a people more [illegible] more practical [illegible] happy We need more instruction in every day business practical education We need and must have and retain [illegible] that which we are compelled [illegible] without making [illegible] mistakes We are [illegible] ourselves learning [illegible] opportunities We are apt to forget [illegible]

[illegible]

Life is too short [illegible] storing the mind with that which does not want [illegible] of use [illegible] the moment its [illegible]

[illegible] wife [illegible] ter, who may [illegible] a mother Do you recollect [illegible] attempt [illegible] after you [illegible] keeping house for yourself? And [illegible] Do you [illegible] the more improved methods [illegible] that [illegible] prolong life and [illegible] our victuals [illegible] to your [illegible] visitors and [illegible] I propose a [illegible] for the instruction of a practical department not only [illegible] but in our [illegible] schools where you can roll up your sleeves, not in a pugilistic manner [illegible] broom stick purposes, but to practically learn how to be a good cook, [illegible] to your [illegible] work in a satisfactory manner to yourself or to be able [illegible] whether your servant girl should you be so unhappy as to have one [illegible] to the duties of the house in a proper way We have schools of this [illegible], but they are so far away and it costs so much to attend them, that but [illegible] comparatively can reap the benefits derived from them Every county seat should have a practical school where the principal vocations of life are taught [illegible] theory and practice of everyday life I think I have explained my idea of this matter I believe in this connection that our text books should be changed, not such a change nor for the purpose made to make money for the publisher of books but in such a way as [illegible] upon such subjects as will [illegible] with not one jot or [illegible] construction encumbering their every day practice

When some better way is found out by actual test and experience that will employ less time and expense than the [illegible] now used in our text books, then I would have the text book changed only in this regard I am vigorously opposed to this continual change in the use of text books as used in our schools A system of instruction and a form of text books should be prescribed and adopted by a *Board of Education of and for* the United States When we have such a Board, and until we do such a system and such books should be adopted by the State Board of Education composed of the best and most practical teachers in the State—have all books of instruction uniform, not so many kinds for the same purpose and to the same end Then their publication would, like other books, open to competition and cheap I propose to establish such schools that when the student passes from the school room into the bank or counting house that to him it will be a change only of location not of knowledge and practice, that when the lady graduates from the Ladies' Cook and Ladies' Seminary into the palace or cabin, into the kitchen or parlor, in her calico gown or silken attire, to cook for her guests or entertain her [illegible] friends, that she may be able at first, with an outstanding from previous knowledge, second with actual practice, to do all things in the proper way and manner That when the student at law leaves the law school and first becomes the attorney at law, and steps into the court room to attend his first suit he may not be motioned out of court by the ruling of the just judge, or dumfounded out by a practical attorney who has taken the theory of the law in one hand and the practice in the other and thus become a perfect (?) lawyer

Old things are being done away, and lo all things are becoming new The old [illegible] of hate and murder is past The new rule of love your neighbor as yourself is at hand The times of the ignorance that God winked at have dawned into the brightness of intellectual glory, the unrevealed is revealed, and as Christ, the divine light of the world came in the fullness of time, so education, the parent of civilization and the basis of national freedom has come to be the human light of all the earth It has opened the blind eyes, unstopped the deaf ears, made the lame to walk and the leper cleansed It has invented our network of telegraphic and telephone communications, whereby we send our messages through earth, air, fire and water on their errands of business, love and glad tidings, as quickly as sound and sense can speed It has caused us as a nation to be bound together by bands of steel by wires of thought by which we hear familiar voices a hundred miles away, and what it will reveal in the next century will indeed be strange to tell Then how can [illegible] help exclaiming knowledge is power! Education is the light of the world! [illegible] shackles of the slave fall off at her [illegible] liberty, both civil and religious, finds in her a just defender [illegible] today

[illegible] of rights, privileges and immunities are the results of her benign teachings Civilization owes all its great achievements in every department [illegible] principles, learning [illegible] and in every clime has had [illegible] distinguished votaries, be it honored [illegible] thought after by the more intelligent class of the people Confucius that [illegible] celestial lives today, solely by [illegible] teachings and philosophical [illegible] by the power and wealth of his great intellect Moses, the great Hebrew law giver, has left a monument more lasting than the colossal pyramid of central Egypt Josephus, in his [illegible] thought, is known and [illegible] master mind of his day and generation Plutarch by [illegible] of great men reminds us we could make our lives sublime when [illegible] leave behind us footprints [illegible] the sands of time Footprints that perhaps another sailing o'er life's stormy [illegible] forlorn and shipwrecked [illegible] might take heart again

[illegible] be made to other [illegible] scholars and modern [illegible] have climbed the [illegible] their fame and [illegible] ages and thence [illegible] to be the western side of civilization [illegible] example to posterity that [illegible] when the everlasting hills [illegible] with fervent heat

And here in this infant temple of knowledge [illegible] this beautiful woodland at [illegible] we have come to dedicate this [illegible] Institute to the youths [illegible] and we humbly trust to [illegible]

[illegible] Marion and her hospitable people

Caledonia

Christmas [illegible] wanting place at the time [illegible] the STAR [illegible] was crowded out it would seem However you have our wishes for a prosperous future and we hope the STAR will continue a paper that can be read—one free from political corruption, religious fanaticism and infidel lust, and above all these giving us that which teaches that God is the father of all and that the differences of creeds are not what some would have them appear

The M E church gave an entertainment on Christmas eve and evening in which much interest was taken by members of all churches

The Universalist Sunday school abandoned its entertainment on account of the measles and on Sunday the members of the Sabbath school present were treated to a package of apples, nuts etc

James Tur[illegible], one of our prosperous farmers, is quite low with fever with but little hopes of recovery

Nelson Clark is not expected to live until New Years

The children of Mrs James Miller during her absence bought and set in the ground a large cistern for her On her return she was agreeably surprised

Mrs Lucy Plotner of Indiana Mrs Minnie Askham of Hancock county and their brothers G W and Jerome Ault held a family reunion at the residence of G W Ault on Christmas They had a pleasant time and at the close presented their father Uncle Johnny, as he is called, with a fine rocker

C P Bargar was up from Columbus visiting his wife Mrs Dora Bargar our postmistress

The derrick with all attachments is here and our company intends to sink a well in search of gas on the Geddes farm commencing work at once Another will be sunk just outside of the corporation before long The indications are flattering

Our theatrical troupe although laboring under difficulties has given fair exhibitions

We saw the face of our ex jeweler I B Rogers amongst us this week

Mr Day of Mansfield is visiting his brother L H Day in this place

A masked ball is to be given at Anderson's hall tonight and a pleasant time is anticipated

Manuel Wise of Lumberville met with a serious accident last Tuesday He was drawing the ramrod out of the socket with the hammer raised and the gun went off filling his left eye and side of his face with powder He may lose his eyesight Another illustration that it takes all kinds of people to make a world

Hod Underwood of Cleveland is here this week visiting relatives and friends

Miss Maggie Hipsher is visiting in Richwood

C W Douce and wife were at the family reunion at Mrs Lawrence's south of town and they report a good time

The Canaan M E church will give a concert on New Year's eve

December 30 1887 FIDO

A Terrible Crime

Is always bound to arrest the attention of the public and sometimes serves as a warning by which many lives are saved It is a terrible crime to neglect the health and thus permit the ravages of disease A cold allowed to run its course unchecked or a cough neglected may cause those deadly Pulmonary Diseases which have often proved so fatal No medicine so effectually copes with them as does Gooch's Mexican Syrup The marvelous cures it has accomplished in obstinate cases of Consumption have given it the strongest possible hold upon public confidence and favor Its action in this class of cases is to at once stop the supply of Tuberculous matter by aiding in the organization and assimilation of all nourishment It readily controls all distressing symptoms and tones up the system The following letter relates a remarkable cure

Gooch's Mexican Syrup has accomplished a cure in this neighborhood which has astonished the people A young lady Miss Davis was given up to die by her attending physician She had Lung Fever The doctor said she would die before morning and advised her friends to discontinue his medicine as they were doing her no good Her parents had a bottle of your Mexican Syrup and Liniment in the house They at once began to give the Syrup in doses one hour apart, and frequently bathed her chest with the Liniment Before morning she was decidedly better and after using two bottles of each she is almost as well as ever It was almost like raising the dead and has established the reputation of your medicine here

J & I N SANDS
Trimble Athens Co O

Lincoln's Idea of Hamlet

It is related that Abraham Lincoln once said to Hackett the actor Why do you actors always play Hamlet as a irresolute vacillating, vague middle aged sort of a man? Because he was said Hackett, with an air of certainty But he was not said Lincoln he was young impetuous full of action prompt He is always doing something [illegible] play is full of it and he ought to be played as a young man Walt Whitman has expressed his opinion Is not the [illegible] mystery the wonder the fun of [illegible] the stage word would have it that Hamlet combines both those phases the uncontrollable impulse aggressive temperament and at the same time the meditative philosophic anxious hesitating man? Is not this the interest of the character which has caused it to be overlaid with great accumulations which have hidden the poet's real purpose—if he had one —Brooklyn Eagle

A Curious Nurse

In India where the elephant is treated by his mahout almost as one of the family the grateful animal makes a return for the kindness shown it by voluntarily taking care of the baby It will patiently permit itself to be mauled by its little charge and will show great solicitude when the child cries Sometimes the elephant will become so attached to its baby friend as to insist upon its constant presence Such a case is known where the elephant went so far as to refuse to eat except in the presence of its little friend Its attachment was so genuine that the child's parents would not hesitate to leave the baby in the elephant's care knowing that it could have no more faithful nurse And the kindly monster never betrayed the trust reposed in it —St Nicholas

BOB BURDETTE'S ADVICE.

[illegible] when you hear a man growling and scolding because Moody gets two hundred dollars a week for preaching Christianity, you will perceive that he never worries a bit because Ingersoll gets two hundred dollars a night for preaching atheism You will observe that the man who is frantically shocked because F Murphy gets three hundred and fifty dollars a week for temperance work seems to think it all right when the barkeeper takes in twice as much money in a single day The laborer is worthy of his hire my boy, and he is just as worthy of it in the pulpit as he is on the stump

BUY YOUR STOVES AND RANGES OF

Remember my boy, the good things of the world are the cheapest Spring water costs less than corn whisky, a box of cigars will buy two or three Bibles a gallon of old brandy costs more than a barrel of flour, a fun hand of poker often costs a man more in twenty minutes than his church subscription amounts to in three years a state election costs more than a revival of religion, you can sleep in a church every Sunday morning for nothing, if you are mean enough to dead beat your lodging, but a nap in a Pullman car costs you two dollars every time Fifty cents for the circus and a penny for the little ones to put in the missionary box, one dollar for the theater and a pair of trousers frayed at the end, baggy at the knee and utterly burst as to the dome for the poor, the dancing lady gets six hundred dollars a week and the city missionary gets six hundred dollars a year the horse race scoops in two thousand dollars the first day and the church fair lasts a week, works twenty five or thirty of the best women in America nearly to death and comes out forty dollars in debt

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A Great Legacy

To bequeath to your children is a strong clean pure constitution—better than wealth, because it will never prove a curse You cannot give what you do not possess but mothers will find in Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription a wonderful help—correcting all weaknesses, bringing their systems into perfect condition so that their children untainted shall rise up to call them blessed

There is not a druggist in all the land
But always keeps a stock on hand

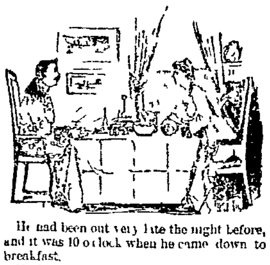
Died of Too Much Money

A Boston man who until he was 40, lived an economic, hardworking life, and one which was both happy and useful, had the misfortune at that time to inherit from a relative a fortune of some millions He was instantly overwhelmed with importunities from all sides Gifted with an acutely sensitive New England conscience he was not only anxious to do good with his wealth but he was almost morbidly afraid that through ignorance or carelessness he should do harm with it He investigated with the most painful care the cases presented to him and he literally agonized over the things he desired to do that he feared to do and those that he was urged to do Two years of this worry killed him His physician said afterward that the certificate to be accurate should have been filled out to read Died of his money " and the statement would have been literally true —Providence Journal

A smooth and healthy skin results from the use of Skin Success Ointment in cutaneous affections Use in connection with Skin Success Soap

Simply purifying and cleansing the blood is not sufficient It needs enriching also the nervous system needs toning up all of which is accomplished by Dr Fenner's Blood and Liver Remedy and Nerve Tonic Use his Cough Honey in all coughs his golden Relief in all pains and stomach and bowel disorders his Kidney and Backache Cure in lame back dropsy and all kidney disorders his German Eye Salve in sore eyes cracked skin and piles his Capitol Bitters for appetite and strength

Tired Enough to Sit Down



He had been out very late the night before, and it was 10 o clock when he came down to breakfast.

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[illegible] D [illegible]—[illegible] has [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] to match Jake [illegible] Dempsey is expected to [illegible] to this city today [illegible] will then [illegible] the proposition It is thought he [illegible] the past two years he has been anxious to go to England It will be necessary however for him to have sufficient time to recuperate after his fight with McCaffrey which takes place January [illegible]

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WATCHING THE ANARCHISTS

The Chicago Police Say Nothing Can be Done but What is Known to Them

CHICAGO, Dec 30 —The statement made by Mrs Lucy Parsons to a newspaper reporter the other day that hereafter it would be impossible for any police spies or Pinkerton operators to become acquainted with the secret doings of the Anarchists does not appear to give any uneasiness to the leading police officials of the city One of the latter said this morning that it would be impossible for the revolutionary groups to again organize without the knowledge of the authorities that the movements of those prominently connected with the Most party were still being carefully watched, and that anything approaching secrecy in a new revolutionary movement would be impossible.

The auditing committee of the Anarchist Defense fund held a session to-day for the purpose of passing upon the accounts of the treasurer for the present year His statement shows receipts of $11,878, disbursements $11 485 leaving a balance of $393 This added to the relief fund, gives the committee a total cash in hand of $5 890

When you want something to tend strictly to business and cure a cough or cold get Dr. Fenner's Cough Honey

Fire in a Coal Mine

POTTSVILLE Pa Dec 30—Lehigh Coal Company's No 4 slope at Lost creek, caught fire yesterday afternoon from the pump house on third left 300 yards below the surface The fire has been confined to the main slope and pump way No lives lost The colliery has been idle since September pending settlement of Lehigh miners strike The loss will run $10 000 at least if the fire goes in the gangway it will run from $40,000 to [illegible]

A Good Investment

is that which yields large returns from a small outlay Reader, the way is clear! No speculation, no chance big returns! It you are like most of mankind you have somewhere a weakness—don't feel at all times just as you'd like to headache today, backache tomorrow, down sick next week—all because your blood is not of order A small outlay and what large returns! You invest in Dr Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and s on pure, fresh blood courses through your veins, and you are another being!

JEDGE WAXEM AT WORK.

HE IS LOOKING AFTER HIS CONSTITUENTS' INTERESTS

Not Much [illegible] with the Repeated [illegible] of Congress—The Sessions Should Begin the First Monday in October and Not in December

[Special Correspondence]

WASHINGTON, D C —Dear Editter Fer [illegible] time [illegible] congress hand done everything but [illegible] from two to four times a week with short sessions of an hour er so when [illegible] and the bal[illegible] of the time takin recess and [illegible] crawling that worries [illegible] but it is [illegible] of business [illegible] keep four or five [illegible] constituents and [illegible] for politicle [illegible] is only [illegible] time and [illegible] We have [illegible] now [illegible] nothing for the Crismus holidays and we got two weeks [illegible] all over [illegible] to [illegible] our ardious labers [illegible]

[illegible] to find fault with any of the provisions of the constitution [illegible] but I want to [illegible] the power of [illegible] to help me [illegible] this [illegible] I believe [illegible] Monday in [illegible] the opening of con[illegible] than [illegible] and we've got [illegible] manner not [illegible] a direct result of our [illegible] institutions [illegible] the Star Spangeled [illegible] no us [illegible] the [illegible] practice of the [illegible] sticks by [illegible] congress [illegible] the new Crismus goods is [illegible] the store windows and the women and children [illegible] goin crazy and the [illegible] gettin [illegible] sizes bigger [illegible] what we have [illegible] and git through [illegible] to perpose a bill [illegible] amendment [illegible] some [illegible] do the [illegible] the first Monday in [illegible] to change the [illegible] of electin in the [illegible] states [illegible] bill [illegible] passed, [illegible]

It's a [illegible] that don't blow [illegible] good [illegible] to git [illegible] land ofise bisness [illegible] of my constituents [illegible] convulsing the self [illegible] to help themselves [illegible] of the [illegible] helped All of a [illegible] their full sleeve of [illegible] country and tho we may [illegible] smilin [illegible] holts, when [illegible] constituents comes on [illegible] to help him git [illegible]

One [illegible] that done yoman servis for me [illegible] election [illegible] come to town this week and [illegible] while I showed my gratitude by takin him round [illegible] He's a mity good feller and not hard to please, and when he said a job that would pay him $1 50 a day was good enough for him, I felt relieved for I was shore that the republic couldn't afford to be ungrateful to a patriot [illegible] so little So I told him I'd fix him off and the next mornin I went up to see one of our cabinet ministers

"I've got a low priced pattriot in my deestrict" says I "that wants a pull at Uncle Sam for about $1 50 a day Ure my friend and I'm yourn and hes mine, and what you do for him you do for me [illegible] and me its politics but be [illegible] on its [illegible] and I [illegible] their grounds intirely"

[illegible] statesman's got to be [illegible]

"[illegible]" says he to me, "if thar's [illegible] this broad land of freedom I'd [illegible] for its you but you will have to excuse me from doin enything [illegible]"

[illegible] him after I found thar want no use [illegible] and went off to [illegible] He refered me to the [illegible] secretary and he sent me to his cheef clerk and he sent me to the cheef of division and he sent me to four er five head clerks and [illegible] when I got done with em all I still had a unused pattriot on hand and no place to put him The next day I hunted up another secretary and run clean through his department and then I took my [illegible] round and interduced him to every one of [illegible] colleges in the house and told him to wait a day or two, and he's waitin now

Washington is full of waitin pattriots Some wants [illegible] about twist as much as [illegible] in their lives at home and some wants enything [illegible] so long as its a government job My man thinks [illegible] I could do but he's [illegible] something I cant do and I've got to keep him full of promises and keep him in the [illegible] capital till he [illegible] and goes back home [illegible] my constituents but bein [illegible] by a [illegible] and unwise policy [illegible] part of the government in its patri[illegible] of its own natural and legitimet [illegible]

[illegible] is only one case whar a statesman [illegible] to step down from his high callin [illegible] in the sub[illegible] life I have had as high [illegible] to me to [illegible] other day I [illegible] for one of the [illegible] come into [illegible] with seven [illegible] constituents follerin at his [illegible]

Of [illegible] this duty to the people [illegible] makes us what we [illegible] on the con[illegible] power to [illegible] Jack, [illegible] law of natural [illegible] can't [illegible] the same time [illegible] when they [illegible] impossible [illegible] that [illegible] space than a [illegible] our gen[illegible] of our [illegible] and [illegible] and git [illegible] them [illegible] Mr [illegible]

Yours [illegible] W Q WAXEM, M C

DAUGHTERS OF EVE

Boston girls consume forty tons of chewing gum every year according to the statistics [illegible] Post

Mrs Anne Whitney, the sculptor, has won high praise for her bronze statue of Leif Ericson recently unveiled in Boston

On her marriage with Senor Canovas del Castillo Senorita de Osuna received more than 1,000 presents, valued at more than $50,000

Princess Beatrice, of England, it is rumored is to be created a duchess in her own right so that her son by Prince Battenberg will inherit a peerage

Mrs Holmes of Cincinnati, who has just reached home after a 3,000-mile yacht cruise through the great lakes managed her own yacht during the entire trip

The queen of Greece was recently presented with a dozen volumes by various authors on the "American Civil War," her majesty having frequently evinced her interest in the history of this country

Mrs Edward Gray, of Boston is said to be the best woman rider of the Myopia hunt She takes her thirteen or more miles cross country with the men, and she sits her horse as tirelessly at the finish as at the start

Frances Hodgson Burnett and her two boys have left England for Italy, where they will pass the winter The greater part of the season they will spend in Florence Mrs Burnett is writing a sequel to her charming and famous story, "Little Lord Fauntleroy"

The credit of establishing a national Thanksgiving day is attributed to Mrs Sarah J Hale late editor of Godey's Lady's Book As far back as 1846 she began to urge upon the governors of the states the propriety of issuing Thanksgiving proclamations until in 1859 the day was observed in all the states but two

A would be masher addressed a factory girl on the streets of Augusta Me on a recent evening and wanted to go home with her She said that he might, and then carefully led her escort into a water tank that was sunk in the ground She stood and laughed at him as he crawled out, wet as a drowned rat and sneaked off

Mrs Louise Chandler Moulton has been visiting Miss Elizabeth Gardner's studio in Paris, in the old Rue Notre Dame des Champs Miss Gardner is a favorite pupil of Bouguereau and has lived for a goodly number of years in Paris She took the gold medal this past summer for a picture of a girl feeding poultry which will be seen in this country before the season is over Most of Miss Gardner's pictures are sold to American picture buyers

The wife of the king of Holland has a bad trick of winking her eyes The courtiers do not know which way to look when the pretty queen winks at them and some very sad blunders frequently occur owing to this physical defect A young attache of the Belgian minister who returned the queen's wink found himself "returned with thanks" to his native land by the next mail, and since then none of the Hollanders has dared to [illegible] back

MERCANTILE WISDOM

A great deal may be done by a vigilant trader to save himself from loss by looking closely after the debtor when credit is given

It is a well experienced truth that a debtor who cannot pay ordinarily prefers spending his money at some place where he will not meet his creditor

Thrifty dealers find it to their advantage to keep a fair assortment of the most staple goods all the year round which is not so remarkable for abundance as for selection

A dealer who sells on credit has much of his business qualification to learn if he cannot refuse an application for credit when necessary in such a way as not to give offense

There is morally a serious objection to a combined cash and credit business which makes the cash buyer pay the same price for an article that his neighbor pays who has six months credit

"I like it and will make it sell" is foolish when it is the inducement to buy largely of any article when the retailer is not clear in his own mind that it will strike the fancy of his customers

The great tendency of all short credits is to run into long ones, so that it is always desirable for the retailer to have a discriminating memorandum of daily transactions so as to compare notes from time to time

Solicitations for credit are generally most urgent at the time when the dealer should be the least favorably disposed to grant it When it is the safest to give it customers usually are not so solicitous and do not often need it

The best guarantee for payment that a creditor can have is the moral and equitable obligation to pay in the heart of the debtor and this is always strongest when the debtor feel that he was not unduly persuaded to go into debt

Five per cent is the ordinary difference in wholesale houses between four months credit and cash or to be more explicit, the terms now days are 2 per cent off ten days, 1 per cent off thirty days, and the remaining time at regular interest rates

Some dealers in dry goods, because the busy periods are divided into two seasons, spring and fall, suffer their stocks to run down so low, even on staple goods, as to be unable to supply the demand of the intermediate period and hence lose a good deal of trade —New York Mail and Express

In the Family of Colors

In the family of colors there are agreements and disagreements, concords and dissonances and what may be termed indifferentism one or other of these qualities being apparent when any two approach each other Often, as in numerous family quarrels there must be the intervention of a third party before harmony is established between two colors Thus, when orange and crimson appear together or yellow and red blue should be introduced nor will blue and red consort well unless yellow is introduced Yellow harmonizes with black green chestnut, brown, purple and crimson Gold with crimson makes a rich harmony and with green or blue is invariably pleasing, it is also a capital associate with purple, scarlet lilac brown and black Blue agrees with scarlet salmon color orange, chocolate stone color drab green chestnut purple and is in concord with white and black

Orange and yellow have a good effect in artificial light orange harmonizes with chestnut purple, puce and green, and if associated with crimson requires the introduction of blue orange and gold harmonize by analogy Among disagreeable unions are purple with either lilac slate color, brown, stone color gray pink peach and chestnut scarlet with brown, green purple, pink, gray, peach drab and stone color, blue with pink, peach, gray, green, blue and purple orange with lilac, brown, drab, gray and chestnut yellow with red purple, scarlet, gray and lilac, red with green, blue green, pink, buff and chestnut.—Home Journal.

TRAINING DOMESTICS.

A CHAT ON THE SUBJECT WITH MISS JULIET CORSON

A New Business for Women Coming [illegible] in New York—Various Attempts to Solve the Domestic Problem [illegible] Training of Servants

There is a new business for women which is just coming to the front in New York It is that of [illegible] servants

She [illegible] of the [illegible] aware of the [illegible] could [illegible] that it has [illegible] an occupation which has [illegible] up a number of capable women of some executive ability to go about from house to house and [illegible] the kitchens of [illegible] homes [illegible] specially fitted up for [illegible] into [illegible]

Only [illegible] cannot count on this form of [illegible] in cases where they can [illegible] for it are beginning to go to the hotel chefs and pick up culinary [illegible] so much the [illegible] from them There is no doubt that [illegible] the more intelligent of the kitchen queens have themselves waked up to the fact that a better order of [illegible] service is called for and will be [illegible] if obtained

I called upon Miss Juliet Corson, the pioneer of the cooking schools in her room at the Continental hotel to inquire into the truth of a report of a training school for servants [illegible] to be established in New York under the auspices of Secretary Whitney's wife Miss Corson is not in good health and her many ingenious contrivances for [illegible] her literary work without [illegible] from the couch on which she spends much of her time

"It is not true" she said "that any definite arrangements have been made or that Mrs Whitney has been in communication with me at all upon the subject I do not know of anything definite enough to be called a plan on foot in the city At the same time I have prepared for just such a project if money enough could be raised to [illegible] such ideas as to give it any real influence in the city and if the thing were in the hands of responsible people practical in knowing what to do"

"If such a school were established" I [illegible] does your experience lead you to believe that the right kind of girls would go into it? Is not the position of domestic servant held in such disrepute that it would be hard to find the intelligent and self respecting girls who ought to have charge of the domestic economy of the kitchen who would care to fit herself for any such place as a profession"

"That trouble would have been felt a few years ago" Miss Corson said "and has interfered with some attempts of the sort but things are beginning to be different now Anarchy in the kitchen has produced such a weeping and wailing throughout the land that it has penetrated the ears of servant girls and the girls themselves know that it is to the interest of their pocketbooks to do better"

"Would American girls go into a training school as servants?" I asked

"Not menial probably Some would be glad of a chance to fit themselves for positions as supervising working housekeepers places which pay better than many than which well educated and intelligent women do

"It would surprise you to know " Miss Corson went on " how many girls there are who are only waiting for a chance to be taught I have come across numbers of them who are ready to give their time and their money to learn how to perform their duties better not from any prickling of conscience but because they know it would pay them in the end The constant agitation of the subject has produced this much effect at least"

The domestic problem is a perplexing one and there have been diverse attempts at a solution in New York Several attempts at system the training of servants have been made One of the most notable dating from 1[illegible] when a cooking school and an industrial training establishment —the outgrowth of the financial panic which drove many women to depend on themselves for bread and butter—was established and did good work for some time A similar institution was opened in 1878, but fell through largely because many of the girls admitted were too young for the positions in families The Industrial Education association in which Miss Grace H Dodge, the school commissioner is so largely interested has a cooking class of which Miss Alice [illegible] is principal but the pupils are for the most part school children, and the same is the case with the New York Cooking school in Lafayette place A start has been made by the board of education toward introducing cooking as a study in the girls grammar schools, but the arrangement is not likely to go into practical operation for some time In point of fact the lately founded [illegible] at Castle Garden has few places open to [illegible] which she could learn to preside over the family digestion if she wished All attempts to precipitate a domestic revolution in the right direction— to visit reforms on the kitchen—in New York are hindered by the dilettante charity which leads women with money and social position to get their names placed upon boards of all sorts philanthropic and semi-philanthropic more with the idea of getting them in the society column than with that of lending any help

There are not far from [illegible]000 domestic servants in and about New York There is no branch of woman's industry that is more overcrowded The want columns of the papers are full and an advertisement will overrun you with [illegible] of applicants There are [illegible] for the evil of low wages and long hours among working women that is more [illegible] common sense in the city at less than the advice to the hordes of factory girls and shop girls to enter domestic service They are no better trained [illegible] the army already [illegible] more [illegible] ness affords no [illegible] would [illegible] ever advised [illegible] vants not for mere servants and there [illegible] kitchen [illegible] women will voluntarily work in —New York Mail and Express

Sandwich Islands Coffee

It is now [illegible] that coffee growing will soon [illegible] interest in the Sandwich Islands Old large capitalists [illegible] any money by raising cane [illegible] but the small land owners [illegible] coffee trees which are very productive —Chicago Times

DESTINY

Like a shadow that flees from the sun god we slip
out of life and are gone
The [illegible] where we were is vacant for who will
remember till noon
The drop of dew was a diamond which pleased at
the glimmer of dawn
And the little singer has left us who cares to
remember the tune?

In the [illegible] left deep in the forest what bird
is [illegible] that one
Beneath whose shelter she builded her tedious
[illegible] cradling nest?
It has lived it it was used has perished now hath
its use being done
Forgotten of sunshine and songster in the dust
whence it came It is best

But we we shrink from the leaf's fate and we
murmur Soon they forget
These friends whom we loved who loved us and
shared in our pleasures and mirth
Our names are lost in the silence death bringeth
and no regret
Endureth for us low lying in green gemmed
bosom of earth

Oh mortal accept the omen and we live we are
used and we fall
As the leaf before us has fallen, we pass from
our place and are not
The living have grief sufficient content thee to
fill in thy pall
Remembrance and sorrowful grieving, and be
of the living forgot
—Clare Beatrice St George in Chicago Inter Ocean

SPRINGSTEEL.

"Liar! Coward!"

The unpardonable epithets had been applied—unpardonable in any society, and only to be atoned with blood in the wild code of the frontier

Just as the hand of each disputant flew to his revolver, and the crowd before the gambling house bar swayed back on either side for what was deemed the inevitable killing that must ensue

The quarrel was between Luke Baldwin and Grant Battersby surnamed Springsteel Grant until recently "pards" and chums, now through a moment's difference and those humiliating epithets on the part of the former, apparently transformed into enemies to the death

Baldwin was a fair faced youth of 22 or 23 frank generous and impulsive by nature though at present maddened by liquor and a fancied indignity his opponent and whilom mentor, a veteran frontiersman prized as a friend, dreaded as a foe—cool cold iron will, dead shot

Luke was the cleverer in first whipping out his revolver and bringing it to a murderous level—or was it that the other had purposely delayed the customarily lightning like and deadly movement on his own part?

Luke gave an exulting laugh

"Springsteel, your game's up!" he uttered "Lie down and take a bleed!"

"Snap!" the treacherous cartridge had failed the weapon missed fire

Then like a flash the veteran shooter flew to the level the iron lines of his handsome face tightened and darkened, his gray eyes took on the cold glitter of a steel blade in action

There was not a movement in the crowd of onlookers "Springsteel has got him dead and it's his own fault," was the general if not expressed verdict, and you could have heard a pin drop

The prospective victim was game

Though deathly pale he had folded his arms and stood waiting without hope, but without flinching

Springsteel's invariable shot was for the heart and he had never been known to miss or let up

Was an unheard of miracle working or was that indeed a softness creeping into the iron face, a moistness into the there terrible eyes?

At all events, the shot was not fired the weapon was lowered and returned to its receptacle

"Luke Baldwin," said Battersby, with sarcastic quietness, "for the present I give you back the life you have forfeited, reserving my right to claim on demand the shot that is my due I could have bored a bullet through you without compunction but for the photography you wear over your heart That I could not mutilate—it is sacred "

He turned on his heel and strode away

Luke Baldwin had sunk into a seat and was looking dazed

He was regarded as a temporarily fortunate though none the less doomed, man for there was no denying the right that Battersby had reserved for himself—a [illegible] of quitclaim or death note on demand that was everywhere recognized as the unwritten code of the border, though the circumstances of the indebtedness were at best unusual and in such a case as his unprecedented

In fact Springsteel's unlooked for leniency apart from the mysterious allusion to the photograph, was the wondering talk of an hour in Hank Hammond's Deadwood hotel

"Doubtless an old time love scrape between em Mebbe they'd both loved the same gal an' Springsteel hed given up to the other (though not much on Springsteel's style, eh?), an then she'd died back there in the states an that was why they chummed it together so long up yonder in Scorpion Gulch though Luke, never any thing but a freshy 'an' Springsteel old enough to be his dad "

Something like the foregoing was the prevailing impression evolved out of the gossip over the affair, and then it was forgotten

Partly sobered, Luke Baldwin had sought his room in the top story of the hotel not far away

He dropped into a chair beside the wash stand—the only other piece of furniture barring the iron bedstead, with its scant provisions for a "transient's" accommodation—took a drink from a black bottle that had just been sent up from the bar and by the light of a guttering tallow candle the only artificial illumination with which sky parlor guests were supplied at the Alabama as the hotel had been rather ironically designated—with or without intention—fell to thinking hard

How madly he had acted, how narrow had been his escape from death and with what unexpected magnanimity Springsteel had behaved!

Should he not seek him out at once up at Spanish Peter's pavilion where he was staying, acknowledge the fault and beseech his forgiveness

No he knew the man too well

While true in his friendships as the significance of his surname—as the unappreciable spring steel of Damascus blade—he was also in enmities as keen as implacable, as deadly

While Grant Battersby had never been known to betray a pledge, neither had he ever been known to pass an insult unresented to the death And "Liar! Coward!" to be applied to such a man—a man with a long list of deadly encounters to his credit in not one of which he had failed to "do" for his man

The young man sighed as he dismissed the idea from his mind as wholly impracticable

Then he drew from his bosom the photograph and gazed upon it remorsefully

A lovely face—the face of a woman of 30 or thereabouts—beautiful yet sad oh so sad so sorrowful perhaps from a slowly consuming heart break but with such a divine patience and uncomplaining resignation in the softly shaded cheeks and deep spiritual eyes

"Poor Madge Poor sister Madge " he murmured "Could you have imagined how your picture was destined to interpose between my heart and the avenger's bullet, how would your own tender heart have stood still as you gave it me, with your pious godspeed, two years ago! What could have been the subtle spell that it wrought upon such an adamantine nature as Springsteel Grant's in my behoof?"

He passed his hand over his brow reflectively

"Once only once," he resumed, "up yonder in the gulch did he look upon it, by accident True, he started strangely then but directly afterward he merely complimented me coldly on your good looks Madge, when I told him you were my sister my only sister and my all on earth That was all Could he have been concerned in the cruel disappointment or misunderstanding which, I have heard ruined your maiden hopes of bliss when I was but a child, making your latter years so bitter, and yet so sweet, so motherly to me? Hardly Though Springsteel has but seldom alluded to his antecedents, I do not think he could have been from our neighborhood in the east What was your picture's softening influence then, upon such a man as his? Alas! nothing more, I fear than a passing generous freak in a heart unused to pity Doubtless that was all, and now my life is his upon demand No matter You are to be with me tomorrow Madge You are thenceforth to make your home with me, and not another soul the wiser And when we have become snugly settled in the little ranch that I have been secretly paying for and fitting up perhaps my misused chum may yet further forgive me those crazy words and forego the life debt that must be his for the asking "

He laid the picture upon the stand and arose

"I will go to him!" he repeated "Yes I will at least humble myself before him, as is only just, even though he spurn me with contempt And yet—what is the use? What was my provocation? His stern, but well meant interference to prevent me losing my pile to a notorious gambler and cheat who was careful enough on his part—the skulking coward! —not to resent the thwarting And that was my requital of such kindness Good lord! torrents of foul abuse, and those mad those idiotic epithets I am crazy to dream that he will forgive it—that he will not demand his shot on occasion Oh, Madge Madge! to what ruin may our hoped for happiness be doomed by my folly and my madness?"

He took another drink from the bottle, and desperately threw himself on the bed after merely throwing off his coat and boots

He presently fell asleep while softly repeating the words "Madge, Madge! reunited at last "

He was awakened at daylight by a suffocating sensation, and got upon his feet, coughing and spitting

The room was fast filling with smoke, the reflection of flames rose and fell before the window, the very boards beneath his feet were hot He tore open the door The corridor was full of yet denser smoke, seamed with occasional flashes, cries of alarm were ringing through the lower passages, and there was a crash from somewhere below followed by a fountain of sparks and flames which he correctly attributed to the fall of a burned away staircase thus cutting off escape in that direction He closed the door, staggered across the floor to the window, and hurled the sashes outward by a single pressure of his powerful hand

He was in the fifth story of the burning hotel fully sixty feet above the stony street which was filled with an excited multitude

They were gesticulating and yelling to him but that was all Plenty of useless running about, impracticable vociferations in abundance, but not a thing being done or offered for his relief from the appalling situation!

The flames which were spouting out of the whole rows of lower windows flicked upon the sea of upturned faces, and yet more hideously upon his own, which he felt to have grown of an ashy hue, while his heart was beating like a steam pump

To add to his horror the passengers were alighting from the eastern mail stage, which had just drawn up before the station, at the edge of the little plaza nearly opposite and the second one to touch the ground was a woman—his sister Madge herself

She looked terrified by the confusion

Sarcasm of destiny! Had she come at last, all the way from Ohio with nothing but love for him and hopeful expectations in her heart only to meet his final glance his fond brotherly gaze across this lurid depth this sea of flames?

Yes! for even at that instant she perceived him—recognized him—and their eyes met

His heart ceased its wild throbbings and then stood still with sympathetic anguish as he marked her bloodless face, her frozen attitude, the indescribable horror in her dilated eyes and parted lips

Then the crowd undulated and yelled as four stalwart men forced punched and shouldered their way through it bearing two long house painters ladders spliced together under the swift self possessed man, who was knotting, even as he gave his orders, a wetted handkerchief over the lower part of his face as a protection against the smoke breath of the fire test upon which he was about to enter

In another minute the double ladder was raised against the burning building

It reached to the window sill of Luke's room

The young man essayed to crawl out and avail himself of the saving rungs

Impossible! He had inhaled so much hot smoke as to be well nigh stifled his arms seemed to be petrified his legs chained

He tottered back from the unsuccessful attempt and managed to make a despairing gesture

Then there was a woman's shriek of "Luke Luke my brother! If you cannot come down to me I shall go up to you We will at least die together" and Madge's foot was upon the first rung of the ascent

She was snatched away by the man with the wet handkerchief over his face

He gave her one look from his indomitable eyes thrust her in the arms of one of his assistants and was then seen in spite of his powerful and heavy frame, shining up the ladder with the agility of a squirrel

"It's Springsteel" shouted a chorus of voices "Springsteel risking his life for the only man who ever insulted him and lived! Hurrah for Springsteel Grant! And the cheers were roared out again and again

Luke Baldwin had also recognized him from the first His rescuer had sped up through the flame tongues vomiting from the intervening stories apparently without a singeing and was now on the next to the topmost round, just below the window ledge

"Can you come out to me?" he called hoarsely

Luke shook his head

"I know it looks babyish," he gasped, "but I positively can't Perhaps it's the smoke I have swallowed, perhaps it's the heat but I feel myself paralyzed "

Without another word, the rescuer bounded into the room

The photograph caught his eye, and his first movement was to slip it into his pocket

"Here, you! grip your hands under my chin " he exclaimed, harshly "There!" and with a stooping wrench he had the young man's inert body glued to his own broad back "Freeze where you are now, or we are both goners "

A fresh, roaring cheer greeted his reappearance upon the ladder hands and feet foremost to the rungs, and with Luke Baldwin sagging between his shoulders like a bag of meal

In three minutes thereafter Luke was in his sister's arms, ladder and facade had fallen in together amid the lurid emptiness of the fire gutted hotel, and Springsteel had mixed with the crowd, after unceremoniously wrenching his hand from the grateful young woman's soft palmed grasp

At evening of that day Luke sat up, greatly restored, but still weak lunged and suffering in the hospitable bed of an adjoining hotel, to which sympathizing acquaintances had assisted his sister in covering him

Madge was sitting at his side

Many confidences had been exchanged between them before he had been doctored into the insensibility from which he now awoke refreshed, and her beautiful face lighted up at the change

"Ah, you are much better "

"Yes, Madge God be praised!"

"I am glad of that "

"Of course you are, you dear, darling old girl! though I had a close call—the closest, save one—that I ever had, or may ever have again "

"I am glad not only for ourselves, Luke, but—for something else "

"What is that?"

"The brave man who rescued you, he is coming here to see you "

"Oh!" And Luke moved a little uneasily

"Yes, in answer to my earnest inquiries and persistent messages, he at last sent word that he would come He ought to be here now "

Her brother made no answer

"What did you say his name was, Luke?"

"Springsteel We used to be pards up at the Scorpion, but we—we recently had a—a coolness "

"Ah! so much more noble his devotion in your hour of need, then!"

"Yes, I should rather say so "

"Springsteel! Yes, that was the name so many shouted out as he was running up the ladder What an odd name, and a real pretty and manfully significant one, too!"

"Well—er—it's only a nickname, you know "

"But I didn't know A nickname!"

"Yes, most of old timers have 'em here abouts I suppose he got his from—from —well you see, though Springsteel is strictly square, and has made his little pile honestly and by dogged hard work, he's also been a—a sort of desperate character, you might say "

"Oh, dear!"

"Oh, mind you, Madge, I don't mean anything criminal, anything vicious, you understand, though he may have stocked a private graveyard of his own, but only— only he's been in tough places, and no man ever got the drop on him yet Oh, you understand!"

"Only too well, I'm afraid " With a little sigh " "How unfortunate! But what is his real name?"

Before Luke could answer there was a knock at the door, and the man they were talking about stood before them

Madge had shrunk back, with her face the hue of death, and then she took a step forward, her trembling hands extended, amazement in her eyes, a brilliant color surging in her face

"Grant—Grant Battersby!" she exclaimed

He bowed with a rather poor attempt at coldness

"Madge," he began "I—I recognized you this morning But before that I had known you were Luke's sister, through a mere accident—this picture " He produced the one snatched from the blazing room, together with another, much worn, as though by long treasuring, representing her also but at least ten years younger "May be you would like to compare the two, Madge "

"How young I was then, how I have changed " she murmured, hardly glancing at the photos

"You are more beautiful than ever!" he burst out, and then checked himself "Ah!—by the way, you were Madge Barkmore then "

"No I went by the name of a capricious old aunt, who was bringing me up, or rather out, while my brother here, a little boy then, had a home with his uncle, our dead father's brother "

"Ah! then you—you never married that spruce lawyer, Miggles, Mrs Barkmore (somehow I always took her for your mother) was so set on you having?"

"No, and never meant to," indignantly "In fact it was my continued refusing him that caused my aunt to alter her will, and she died without leaving me a penny I tried, oh, so hard! to get word to you about it, after you had rushed away in a passion, taking everything against me for granted But in vain Until this hour I did not dream where you were Oh, how I have sorrowed—suffered—hoped!"

"Madge!" Springsteel's voice was broken and even womanish now

"Grant! my lover "

Then they were in each other's arms

"Hurrah!" shouted Luke Baldwin, in a sort of ecstasy "No wonder that that picture was my safeguard, and I'm out of Springsteel's death debt, I'll be sworn "

"You may well say that, my boy," said he, "since you bring me life, love, bliss to cancel it!"

Luke had to look, after all, for another mistress for that secretly contrived little ranch of his, Springsteel and Madge were married before the week's end and off on a wedding tour —Nathan D Urner in Atlanta Constitution

Hebrews in New York

It is a curious fact that one out of every nine persons you meet on Broadway is a Hebrew They number in this city about 1[illegible]0,000 and with their wealth and intelligence, if ever organized politically as a party, would exert a very strong, if not a controlling influence on local politics — New York Herald

LIGHT AND AIRY

Why Did He Stand?

Why stood he on the burning deck,
Why did he act like that?
Was it a bluff amid the wreck,
Or did the boy stand pat?

What better thing for him to do
In that too ruddy place
Than try to fill by drawing to
The flush upon his face,

Unless he had a hand to show
Him fixed beyond a doubt?
But what it was we'll never know,
He never played it out

Poor boy! whom Mrs Hemans sung;
His luck at best was slim,
'Twere better far had some one rung
A cold deck in on him
—Chicago Tribune.

Modern Fiction

Western Author (in New York)—Yes, the scene of my new society novel is laid in Boston, and I have come on to take a few notes so as to give it a proper local coloring, you know

Eastern Author—I don't see how you find time to make such a journey I have never been out of New York

"Not even for a summer vacation?"

"Not a day, too busy I write under contract "

"Well, well! What are you writing?"

"Indian stories "—Omaha World

Gently Rocking.

On the porch a maid is sitting,
Gently rocking
And I watch the rhythmic flitting
Of her stocking

On the porch together sitting,
Interlocking
Sweetest foolishness committing,
Gently rocking

In a year the lady's knitting
Me a stocking
And I'm by a cradle sitting
Gently rocking
—New York World

Not So Very Bad.

Featherly (to Dumley, who has been to the races)—You look as though you had had bad luck, Dumley

Dumley (bitterly)—Bad luck! I borrowed $20 from Brown to put up on the election, and I'm a Mugwump if I didn't lose every cent of it

Featherly (soothingly)—Oh, well, old man, it isn't as if the money came out of your own pocket, you know —Tid Bits

Their Luck.

A maid went out one summer morn,
She searched the fields all over,
When to her home she did return,
She brought a four leaf clover

Her sister who remained at home
To bake conceived a notion
And made some biscuits light as foam
That floats upon the ocean

She's wedded been who made the bread
For half a year and over
But not a suitor has the maid
Who found the four leaf clover
—Boston Courier

An Ultimatum

Father (trying to read the paper)—What was that awful racket in the hall just now?

Mother—One of the children fell down the stairs

Father (irascibly)—Well, you tell those children that if they cannot fall down stairs quietly they won't be allowed to fall down them at all – New York Sun

Only a Little Word.

It was only a word
That the silence stirred,
But an import sad had it—
A knell of despair
To a loving pair—
'Twas her father's one word, "Git!"
—Boston Budget.

Angels Without Wings Preferred

They were doing a little love making between acts

Just as the curtain went up he called her his angel

"Say," said a man in the next seat back, "couldn't you get your angel to wear her wings somewhere besides on her hat?"—Chicago Times

Mustn't Fool with Dynamite.

Some dynamite lay
In a keg one day
Which a man kicked accidentally,
Now he whangs the lyre
Of a celestial choir
In the realms of the sweet subsequently
—Ogdensburg Earth

Untrue Because Unnecessary

The force of habit is always strong A Baltimore young man who was calling on a street car conductor's daughter says that the father wandered in at a rather late hour and opening the parlor door, mechanically exclaimed, "Sit close, please!"—Baltimore American

The News Editor

Producing many a brilliant gem,
A credit to his taste,
'Tis hard to think of each of them
The setting's only paste
—Chicago Tribune

Adding Insult to Injury

Mr Oldboy (a bachelor)—It's all over, Gussy, my boy Miss Smith has refused me.

Gussy—I suppose she let you down easy by promising to be a sister to you!

Mr Oldboy (bitterly)—No, b thunder, she said she would be a daughter to me!—Texas Siftings

Too Much of a Good Thing, Etc.

They're tired of turkey goose and pie,
They're sick of celery greens
And once again they sadly sigh
For hash and pork and beans
—Hotel Mail

In the Madding Crowd

H R H (to prince)—You are very late, Albert You must have made quite a call on Mr Sullivan

Prince (wearily)—No, I saw him only a few moments It was standing on the line that detained me —New York Sun

Kerosene Kate

He scraped away the mossy spray
And scratched amid the lichen green,
Until he read "Kate Kelly dead
Aged twenty seven Kerosene "
—Texas Siftings

Her Greatest Domestic Act

Timid Young Suitor (who has won consent of papa)—And now may I ask you, sir, whether—ah—whether your daughter has any domestic accomplishments?

Papa (sarcastically)—Yes, sir, she sometimes knits her brows —Detroit Free Press.

Why She Feared It

Husband—A general war in Europe this coming year would be a dreadful thing

Wife (who contemplates a trip abroad)— Yes, indeed It would so interfere with our plans for the summer —The Epoch

How He Got 'Em

How came you by that broken nose I pray,
How came upon your face that cruel scar?
I called upon an editor one day
Last winter, and I left his door ajar
—Boston Courier.

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BILL NYE'S BUREAU.

He Takes a Stranger In and Educates Him

I have received the following note from another anxious inquirer after truth

JERSEY CITY N J, July —

DEAR SIR—Would you mind giving a little space to an explanation of naturalization as practiced in this country together with its effects? How would I go to work to become naturalized? What are the first steps? What would be the result of naturalization here or in New York city, in case I afterward concluded to return to England, where I was born? What are my duties toward the United States pending my naturalization, and what are the duties of the United States toward me during the same time? What were the peculiar doctrines of the Druids? Which is proper to say, "sweat" or "perspire?" What is the most past or perfect tense of sweat? Would you advise a young man, 47 years of age to begin the study of fifteen ball pool? What is the peculiarity of classical music, and how can one distinguish it? What do you think of my handwriting?

TRUTH SEEKER.

Naturalization according to Theodore D Woolsey who has practiced it for years, takes place when an alien transfers the allegiance from the country of his origin and the sovereign of the same to another country and sovereign Your best method for becoming naturalized in the state of New Jersey would be to write to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen of Great Britain, Empress of India, General Assistant Parent to His Royal Baldness the Prince of Wales, and Leading Regina of the Known World, asking her to return your letters and henceforth to regard you only as a friend

Naturalization may be partial or complete and may be detected by any one who is a close observer Naturalization is most likely to attack those who have formerly been aliens and "allowed it to get the upper hand of them" Under the constitution of the United States no naturalized citizen can be president, and a great many who have not had any difficulty of that kind find that this industry is overcrowded So if you come to this country with a burning desire to obtain employment as president you had better give it up We never elect a man who has been an alien and who is liable to have it break out on him again whenever the sun gets very hot. We have made it a rule for years, if possible, to elect a thick set, self made American citizen to the presidency, and then we feel free to go and board with him and make suggestions to him and tread frosted cake into his body Brussels carpet

Your duty toward the United States, pending your naturalization, would be to write home as often as possible, referring to the great blessings of American freedom and showing the poor, oppressed foreigner how much quicker and easier he can get his oppressing done here than elsewhere

The duty of the United States toward you in the mean time is to protect you from foreign invasion and throw our navy around you so that you may go to bed every night without fear of invasion, for no foreign power would so far forget what is due to the aged or helpless as to attack our navy So you would be always safe, and if you took plenty of exercise and did not get your feet wet while being naturalized you would make a good citizen and enjoy good health The duty of the United States toward an unnaturalized citizen is quite plain, but not irksome The United States as a republic, never allows its obligation toward the offspring of a monarchy to prey on it So, if you wish to come forward and repent and be naturalized you will always find the United States ready to treat you white

I do not know much about the Druids Our folks were mostly Whigs and Episcopalians. The Druids, as near as I can learn, were a kind of open air sect, who worshiped a sylvan god ate watermelons during dog days and regretted it till the ground froze up They were the first religious organization to introduce the custom of borrowing money in this world with the understanding that it was to be paid in the next Prior to that the custom of drawing promissory notes and making them payable sixty days after death had never obtained It was a good deal more fun to be a Druid than it was to run a general store where the Druids did their trading

If you are a poor man, sweat is good enough for you If you keep help in the house, let them do the sweating and you can perspire if you feel like it The present of the verb sweat is sweat, past, sweat or swat The future tense will, in a measure, depend on the kind of life you lead here

If you are 47 years of age do not try to play fifteen ball pool unless your money is making you its slave I have only played two games of pool in my life, and both times I got the No 8 ball, and when it came my turn to play other hands had gathered the persimmons Once it was a sawoff, and I had the pleasure of eating the leather tip off the end of my cue while the others played, and then I contributed $1 75 toward the enjoyment of parties who repaid my liberality with the coarsest and most brutal laughter

The peculiar characteristic of classical music is that it is really so much better than it sounds.

I do not care to criticise your handwriting through the paper If you will meet me at the foot of pier No 1, at 7 o'clock this evening, I will tell you what I think of it after which I will take a steamship for Coney Island, where I will be swallowed up in the throng Let me hear from you often —New York World

Glorious Possibilities Ahead

De Lesseps—Yes, we are still working on the Panama canal and have got hopes By the way you have the advantage of me

American Tourist My name is Keely

Ah The Keely who is inventing a new motor?

The same

"How fortunate we have met When my canal is completed I will use your motors to run our towboats "—Omaha World

Justifiable Pride

Husband (complacently)—I did something today which I think no man ever did before

Wife—What was that John?

Husband You know how muddy the streets were after the rain

Wife Yes

Husband—Well I turned the bottom of my trousers up before they got soaked through —New York Sun

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The deliberations of the South Carolina legislature are conducted with all the dignity of the British house of lords The two presiding officers are attired in handsome gowns of the finest blue and royal purple silk velvet the clerks wear long robes of silk and the sergeants at arms open and close the daily sessions with the ancient mace and sword of state, relics of colonial days.

THE TOP FLOOR LODGER

MUSINGS OF THE TENANT OF THE SMALL ROOM

How the People of Small Means and [illegible] Minds are Lodged [illegible] City—Demand for Furnished [illegible]

[illegible] the top floor [illegible] out [illegible]

[illegible] the well [illegible] that [illegible] entered [illegible]

[illegible] well that [illegible] He knew that [illegible] preparation for the winter reception of [illegible] but who had [illegible] He could predict to a day when the [illegible] would inform him [illegible] was [illegible] to [illegible] 8 [illegible] With the [illegible] of winter [illegible] the extra [illegible] until the [illegible] off to the [illegible] when [illegible] thing, was [illegible] up steak and [illegible] bread at least [illegible] the circulation

[illegible]

The young [illegible] formerly lived in the country where [illegible] mountains had [illegible] home [illegible] all the [illegible] the society [illegible] honest and pretty girls had kept him [illegible] But in the course of time he found himself alone in the great city with [illegible] or even enemy and the great loneliness [illegible] among so many strangers [illegible] him a great cloud or snow in a winter gale shutting out from view all the beautiful and [illegible] thrown around him an unthinking selfish dreariness His thoughts turned more and more to the unhappy and [illegible] and his mind had become a nursery of cynical tendencies and [illegible] growings Every ambition and the [illegible] animation of thought of future success had been blotted out The dreary life in the dreary lodging house had much to do with this and the young man knew it

But the young man had the consolation of knowing that there were thousands of others in the same boat There are the young men who receive small salaries and are either working their way up in the world or else down Many are unable to live in better [illegible] while others with a desire to save money choose to live in restricted quarters [illegible] are thousands of such in this town The room will cost $2 50 or $3 For twenty cents the young man gets his eggs and coffee for breakfast, a sandwich at lunch time is ten cents more For dinner he [illegible] or sirloin steak and coffee [illegible] thirty cents He walks to and from his work so that his expense is little over $7 per week He may [illegible] for a little less but it is doubtful if he can average much lower than the above

A BRIGHT SIDE

But there is a bright side to life in a lodging house and its popularity is on the increase in this great city Of course by lodging house is not meant the east side rookeries in which beds are piled in tiers [illegible] in which a crowd of half dressed half washed tramps are huddled together but that class of houses found all over the city upon which [illegible] is announced the fact that furnished rooms are to be rented at low prices [illegible] of the city are becoming more generally used for this purpose [illegible] town below Twenty [illegible] business firms is almost wholly given over to [illegible] young women [illegible] and there are big tall apartment houses in which only men can secure rooms [illegible] in different [illegible] and consequently differ in ranges in price [illegible] set aside for [illegible] the young [illegible] there is a [illegible] young woman [illegible] from the [illegible] and keep eyes that often meet hers [illegible] the big boarding house tables

Yes the demand this fall for furnished rooms is fully up to that of last," said an agent who keeps a list of lodging and boarding houses and vouches for them to the anxious inquirer for a winter's home "There is a certain class who are always on the lookout for comfortable rooms [illegible] those who have become tired of boarding house [illegible] and think the restaurants will supply their wants in better style Clerks and salesmen who do not care where they eat so long as the bed is not far from the store look with favor upon the free and easy life in hired rooms [illegible] whose employment is irregular [illegible] must adopt this kind of life —New York Times

How Horses Lie

Horses can get some rest [illegible] standing provided the position be reasonably [illegible] it is known [illegible] that they never lie down [illegible] rest habitually in a recumbent position It is well to consider whether the habit has not been forced upon the horse by some circumstance connected with the stable [illegible] that had been accustomed to [illegible] lie in the pasture

If the horse can have the [illegible] of selecting his [illegible] his feet he can stand up [illegible] When a horse's weight of from 1,000 to 1,800 pounds [illegible] especially upon the complicated structure [illegible] of the feet, which nature intended should have periods of rest each day "—Golden Days.

A SUMMER ROMANCE

[illegible]
And [illegible] dark [illegible] girl
[illegible]
[illegible] that night
[illegible] the soft moonlight
[illegible]

So [illegible] I [illegible]
And [illegible] heart through
And [illegible] moonlight [illegible]
It is [illegible]
[illegible] time to [illegible]
And kissing [illegible] lips I vow
It shall [illegible]

Though [illegible] with a roguish glance,
[illegible]
That [illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible]
I [illegible]
I suppose it is [illegible] sister guishly said
Then [illegible] turning away her head
[illegible] Why [illegible] makes you try?

—Journal of Education

The Bear Market Depressed

That's a [illegible] king dog of yours" one of [illegible] to a Wyoming settler near whose house we camped one night

[illegible] some peculiar he replied "fact is gentlemen that dog's a wolf"

Why [illegible] kill it and get the bounty?

Sh! [illegible] his bounty all night Haint heard [illegible] about the bounty bein repealed by [illegible] legislature I reckon

No

Glad o that I dont want to get stuck agin I got two more wolves out in the barn an I'm goin to raise em I low [illegible] year or so to have a pretty respectable flock to turn in to the territorial treasurer

It ought to pay

I will if I [illegible] get stuck like I did in northern Wisconsin once

How was that

Bar— [illegible] bar farm The state was payin $10 a pop for bear scalps an mighty tickled to get em at that I got a pair of black bar an took good care of em an in a few years I had a likely herd of seventeen as pretty bar as you ever seen I lowed to kill [illegible] ten of em in the spring an send the scalps to the state treasurer tellin him how I went out in the woods an fit em [illegible] get [illegible] up but it [illegible] work—I got floored"

[illegible] did that happen

Legislature went an repealed the law an there I was left with seventeen big hungry bar on my hands an the bottom gone out o the bear market more n a mule straightened out Seventeen bar, an no demand for bar! Seventeen bar an bar a drug in the market Back yard so full of chained up bar that you couldnt walk an the price o bar goin down so you could hear it hum It made me sick I drove my whole herd down ten miles where Abe Dunn lived who was in the legislature an voted agin bar—an left em near his hog pen an then I pulled up an come out here where I heard they was [illegible] $5 for wolf calps I tell you what if this miserable low lived legislature goes an busts up the wolf industry I'll be snaked if I'll ever try to earn an honest livin again —Chicago Tribune

Fragrant

Woman is just too awful lovely in newly laundered wamsutta and lawn when fresh from close communion with toilet soap and a crystal, watery bath She has the ripe peach fragrance of Paradise and the breath of the cape jasmine of the tropical empyrean When a fellow passes to the windward of a pretty woman who is filling the air with sweetness and purity as she trips gracefully along, he delicately sniffs the air for an hour as if he had got a snatch of heavenly perfume and was trying to woo another whiff from over the celestial battlements —Lexington Independent

Keeping Up with the Times

Youth—I have called sir to find out how to make bombs

Noted Anarchist—Velcome mein friend I show you dot process right away already You see dot pipe You put dis dynamite in here den you fix dot dis way see? Any von can do it

Will you sell me some of the pipes and dynamite and [illegible] father

I gives you all [illegible] want You belong to [illegible]

"Oh no I go to college and we are going to haze some freshmen tonight —Omaha World

Sympathy Not Needed

Invalid Doctor the consulting physicians actually laughed when told that you said my [illegible] was incurable

Family Doctor—Laughed eh?

Yes laughed

Well never mind dont worry"

Thank you doctor

No Dont worry on my account, my dear sir Remember he laughs best who laughs last —Omaha World

In No Danger

New York Girl—Yes I was in that Broadway store when the ceiling fell We were terribly scared

Omaha Girl Were not many hurt?

Only a few

I should think you all would have been suffocated with the dust

Oh dear me All who were there were New Yorkers —Omaha World

One Way of Looking at It

Miss Frey (of Chicago)—Oh yes, young Mr Walsh is immensely wealthy by inheritance He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth you know

Miss Shaw [illegible] (of St Louis)—Was he indeed I should imagine from the way he eats that he was born with a knife in his mouth —The Epoch

Literary Comestibles

Beefsteak with Shakespeare announced an esthetic waiter at a high toned boarding house

Goodness man do you serve up Shakespeare with beef [illegible] inquired the fright [illegible] boarder

Perhaps you prefer Bacon suggested the waiter with [illegible]—Detroit Free Press

Merged In His Alter Ego

We are [illegible] Colorado [illegible]

In Courtship Hour

I

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] just
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

II

[illegible]
And [illegible]
And [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] may grieve,
The [illegible]
The time has come for him to leave
—Boston Courier

[illegible]

[illegible] make his [illegible] Ain [illegible] He was a man about seventeen [illegible] sufficient of [illegible] his presence The smile [illegible] and brothers and to the great names [illegible] to keep [illegible] His function was [illegible] wearing a [illegible] three [illegible] that his head [illegible] like [illegible] around it

surprising [illegible] he said in answer to the reporter's [illegible] about the colored curiosity [illegible] Kerosene Jake though just now he is only just doing the head act

What is that

Standing on his head when the audience requests

"Why do you call him Kerosene Jake asked the reporter

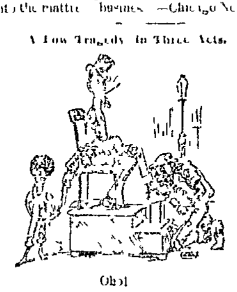
"Well you see it's this way said the [illegible] man confidentially [illegible] to [illegible] the [illegible] kerosene drinker of America—[illegible] drinking [illegible] and takes to it [illegible] just like it was [illegible] Well [illegible] work drinkin [illegible] the thermometer [illegible] up to 100, and all the time [illegible] cheap grade oil 150 [illegible] that's only allowin' him [illegible] before explodin So [illegible] I and put Jake on the head act [illegible] You can see [illegible] no [illegible] bust in the dull [illegible] —New York Tribune

A Fond Father from Wayback

A Boston man has a twin brother living in the west who looks [illegible] much like him The other morning the Boston twin after being [illegible] went home and found there his brother who had just come east The western twin [illegible] shaving badly and was directed to the barber's shop He entered and seated himself but the barber paid no attention to him "What's the matter with you said the western twin after waiting long enough Why don't you shave me

Why I've just shaved you said the barber Much you did said the twin Look at my face " The barber looked at a black beard of a week's growth felt of it to make sure of it and was not deceiving him and [illegible] If you can raise a beard like that in twenty minutes you'd better go into the mattress business —Chicago News

A Low Tragedy in Three Acts.



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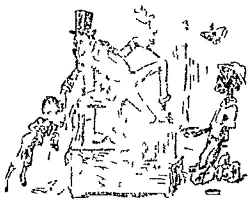

Ah!

He he!—Harper's Bazar

Two Points of View

First Wood Sawyer—This [illegible] is a hard hard world no chance for enjoyment at all How I'd like to knock off and go duck hunting like I did when I was a boy

Second Wood Sawyer—You must be crazy Crazy because I want to go duck hunting

Clean daft In Maryland where I just came from duck hunting is a regular trade and men are paid so much a head for all they kill I've been a duck hunter for six years

What on earth are ye doin out here

I came here to saw wood for a rest —Omaha World

Great Magnetic Power

A Duluth man [illegible] telling of the power [illegible] that vicinity [illegible] have to wear [illegible] because the [illegible] the nails from [illegible] have to [illegible] swallowed a few [illegible] over the mines drawn [illegible] and made a prisoner and [illegible] too much iron in their [illegible] magnetized that they [illegible]

Effect of the Climate

[illegible] gentleman who registers [illegible] Wellsoam [illegible] said the clerk [illegible] over the [illegible] Daniel Webster [illegible] Daniel Webster [illegible] the [illegible] France [illegible] Brooklyn Eagle

A Question of Discretion

[illegible]

A Cold, Hard Fact

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With John L. Sullivan
—Boston Courier.

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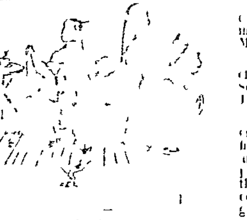
Home Life in China



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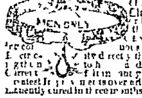

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LOCAL NEWS.

—W J Crills and wife spent Christmas with sister at Lima O

—Thad Eland came home from school at Delaware to spend Christmas

—The Hub will close down Sunday to give the employes a holiday

—Miss Emma Hageman of Columbus is visiting relatives in this city

—Leo Turney is home from business college at Cincinnati spending the holidays

—All of J J Faust's customers were presented with large candy canes and pretzels Saturday

—The banks of this city will observe Monday as Christmas holiday and closed their business places

—Emil Lamsen and wife were at Hamilton O spending Christmas at the home of Mr Lamsen's parents

—W J Crills made all employed by him in dressing poultry happy by presenting each family represented with a Christmas turkey

—Mr and Mrs W C Shute and Mr and Mrs Wm Maycness were attending a family reunion Saturday at Wm Bain's at DeCliff

—Mr and Mrs Wm Paulus of Columbus are visiting at the home of Mrs Paulus brother Chris Hageman on North Main St

—George Potter has taken charge of Hall's billiard parlor George is experienced in that business and will conduct it successfully

—Erastus Pocock of Rensselaer Ind, formerly a mail agent on the Wabash is visiting A A Thompson and family on west Center street

—Upper Sandusky wants a lodge of Elks, as bad as she wants gas and thinks the institution of lodge there is not a very far distant future event

—The dance given by the Mechanics orchestra at the City Hall on Friday night was largely attended and resulted in netting the band a neat sum

—Miss Lucy Mc Wiant who is engaged in teaching elocution in the Franklin Ind College has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents

—The audience room of the church of the Evangelical Association on east South St, has been handsomely papered under the guidance of J W Freeland

—Mrs A H Kling and daughter, Florence have returned from Cincinnati Mrs Kling being able to dispense with the care of the optician who operated on her eyes

—Miss Emma Shutt of St Louis Mo and W A Field of DePauw University Green Castle Ind are spending the holidays with their relatives at the home of L Durfee south Main street

—Frank Winter accompanied by his wife and baby daughter left for the home of his parents in Broadway Saturday They will spend the holidays among relatives at that place and at Richwood

—Chas Miller a former Marion resident but recently of Delaware and more recently of Canton O has returned with his family to this city and will interest himself in the music store of H A Kerman

—The policemen are agitating a dance to be given some time in January for the benefit of the force It would be largely attended and Ed Lannon Tom Mich Wash Whipps and E E Masterson would command much respect as floor managers Marshal Buennike and Officer Jones could do the calling for square dances

—Dr L H Raffensperger received a box Saturday from his mother which contained some very valuable war relics Among them is the order and memorandum book that belonged to Gen Zollicoffer who was killed at the battle of Mill Springs Ky This book was found in the General's tent It also contained a large home made rebel knife Gen Jas B Steedman's saddle cloth (this cloth was presented to the General but he did not admire it and gave it to his chaplain the late Rev F B Raffensperger) and all the war letters written by Rev Raffensperger on the field for the Toledo Blade These relics are at Dr Raffensperger's office and can be seen by any who are interested

—The estimated earnings of the Columbus, Hocking Valley and Toledo for the week ending December 8 were $61,801 6 and of the week ending December 15 $52,03 16 While both weeks show a decrease from the earnings of the corresponding weeks last year the operations of the remaining two weeks are expected to make a sufficient increase in earnings to offset the decrease in the first half of the month and make an increase on the month's total This decrease has been caused by the number of cars which are tied up over the country, as the road has the business to handle but not enough cars wherewith to do it Every month this year there has been an encouraging increase in the earnings of the road

—Miss Laura Bowen Sundayed with M Cronewett in Galion

—Clate Welch spent Sunday at the home of his parents in Broadway

—S A Court was in [illegible] Cincinnati on lodge business

—Mrs R J Parkinson is on a visit among her relatives in [illegible] O

—Mrs J D Bishop is spending the week with the aged Mother Bishop at Wa[illegible]

—Mr and Mrs H Worrall are visiting a short time with their daughter at Norwalk

—J J Jennings of Columbus spent Christmas in this city the guest of H B Hume

—Ellsworth Bishop is spending the holiday week with W C Licht at Mt Blanchard O

—Mrs Robert Beatty and daughter Maggie, are visiting the family of J C Evans at Fostoria

J L Phillips the well known cutter at Frish's spent Monday at his parents home in Marseilles

—Miss Susie Moore is home from North Monroeville, spending the holiday vacation in her schools

—Miss Mattie Hill of Akron is visiting her many Marion friends the guest of Mr L A Dombaugh

—Will Sanders, the night clerk at Hotel Marion was making a visit with his parents in the Queen City

—Miss Sadie Hume of Indianapolis, Ind is the guest of Miss Gertrude Douglas, on west Center street

—R Richards of Chatham O and H Greenawald of Wellington O were guests of Rev Wallace on Monday

—R A McCrary of Coleridge is paying Marion county a visit He is stopping with our friend John Wynn in Prospect

—Mrs Philip Everhard and Miss C Bucher of Canton are spending the holidays at J J Hines's on east Center street

—Mrs F M Tipsey of Lincoln Neb is back to Marion to make a visit with her mother, Mrs D Tettit on north Main street

—H N Love has got out again after two weeks confinement to his home with a malarial attack Henry says that was his vacation

—Miss Adda Clelland, of the presiding corps of the Girls Industrial Home spent Monday with Miss Jennie Hopkins on East Center street

—Miss Maggie Rhoad and Mister Fred die Leerbower, of Indianapolis are visiting Mrs S J Hoxter, on East street during the holidays

—Messrs Cornell and Gutheridge of Chicago, Sullivan and Wimple of Galion and S Johnson of Kenton were the guests of the Celestial Star Club Tuesday

—Dr Emmet Drake the rising young dentist of Nevada O spent Christmas with his parents in this city The Doctor is prospering at Nevada as he justly deserves and his friends here will be glad to know it

—Lucia May Wiant gave a literary and elocutionary reading at Columbia City Ind on Monday evening and received the grandest reception that it has ever yet been her pleasure to enjoy, and that means a great deal

—Two Findlay newspaper men graced Marion with their presence Saturday and Sunday, Mr Armstrong, of the Daily Jeffersonian and Mr Crouse of the Daily Republican Very naturally, they are both Findlay enthusiasts

—The court at Columbus declined to dissolve the Hocking Valley injunction restraining Judge Burke and other officers from selling $8,000,000 worth of stock The trouble is over the purchase of the Hocking Valley Coal & Railroad company by the Hocking Valley railroad

—Geo W Wood of Farmington, O is visiting his daughter, Mrs Dr Wiant On Monday, Mr Wood Dr Wiant Rev Wiant and Sup't Crouse were at Columbus and, visiting the penitentiary had their curiosity gratified by seeing Harper, Blinky Morgan and other noted inmates

—About 10 o clock Monday night quite a racket occurred at Fields saloon, and a young west Marionite who was ejected by the proprietor, vented his wrath by banging stones through the windows The police pulled him in, but no charges were preferred on his promise to pay all damages

—Jacob Smeltzer, an old and well known citizen of Pleasant township residing on the Prospect pike, died Monday aged seventy years His death is attributed to the natural failing of vitality in advanced years His funeral took place at the English Lutheran church on Wednesday at 11 o clock

—The home of Mrs Frank Foster was filled with gladness and cheer on Christmas eve A merry company of friends and neighbors gathered to witness the distribution of gifts from the large, well filled Christmas tree, which loving hearts and willing hands had prepared for the childrens' delight

—The Misses Noonan and Hogan entertained about forty of their friends Tuesday in honor of Messrs Bartley, of Dayton and Burns, of Columbus Euchre seemed to be the popular game Some very fine music was rendered on the piano by some of the guests, and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much

—Rev J G Bruce, of Danville, Ky occupied the pulpit of the M E church on Sunday Rev Bruce who is now a veteran in the christian ministry was pastor of the Marion M E church forty seven years ago and it is rather remarkable that he should occupy the pulpit again after so many intervening years Rev Bruce was the first Worshipful Master of the Masons of this city and was here to attend the annual installation and accompanying banquet of that lodge Tuesday night

—The children attending Sunday school at the English Lutheran church had a merry time on Christmas evening These little ones have been as busy as bees They collected for the Orphans Home at Richmond Ind $67 05 The exercises were pleasing, singing report of the Sunday school secretary and remarks by Rev Hecht pastor of the church, after which the presents were distributed The pastor and teachers deserve much credit for having prepared the children for the evening's entertainment

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Ye Olden Times

Among the many pleasant and profitable evenings which the C L S C are spending together this winter the meeting at Mrs True's on Monday night of this week is marked in red letters After carrying out the usual program we were invited into the dining room to meet our gentlemen guests by the light of other days And sure enough there we were the fire in the large open fire place lighted with but the tallow candle in an old fashioned candle stick There was the kettle hanging on the crane the teakettle singing on the hob There were pewter plates years and years old charming ancient China and a chair over a century old But of all these relics which have come to Mr True from his grand his great grand and his great great grandfather that which took us back most amply to ye olden time was an ancient yellow manuscripts sermons and a journal almanac, written in Mr True's great grandfathers own hand writing and bearing dates in the 1750 One could read in the still legible writing of the journal the many remarks about the weather quaint verses suitable to the season and several times a week came in mention of visits made to a certain place where resided the lady who afterward became the great grandmother of our host

After our curiosity was gratified we were treated to apples—just the apples too for they came from Bloody Brook near Deerfield Mass—pop corn New Year's cookies made according to the really old New England receipt and tea and coffee from the hob

Mr Stebbins related some historic incidents in connection with her home in Deerfield Mass and so with anecdotes and incidents mingled with amusing snuffing of candles passed away a very pleasant evening

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E E Cathery Dead

A dispatch received by J W Clelland Saturday last stated that Mr E E Cathery died at Clarks Neb Friday night Mr Cathery had been suffering for two months with abscess of the liver and his rather hopeless condition had called his children from this vicinity to his bedside

He was aged sixty six years and most of his life was spent in Marion county He was a farmer in Bowling Green township until about 1880 when he came to Marion From here he went west to spend his declining years where his children were mostly engaged in business He is widely and favorably known and there are a great many here who will seriously regret to learn of his death

Mr Clelland left for Clarks Neb that afternoon expecting to arrive in time for the funeral on the following Monday

Mr Cathery's remains were interred at Clarks

A Big Business Deal

The immense stone quarries of Smith & Uhler better known perhaps as the Marion Stone Co quarries have been sold to John Evans who also owns a large quarry near the one purchased Hearing the report of the sale the Star called on Mr Evans with a view of verifying the report

"Is it true you have purchased the Smith & Uhler quarries Mr Evans

Yes sir that is the case

Would you object to stating the consideration?

I believe not the sum paid is even $18 500

This last deal makes Mr Evans quite an extensive owner in the stone trade of Marion and places him first at the head of the business He is a good business man and thoroughly capable of managing it to make big money

Royal Home Election

Black Diamond Court No 25 Royal Home, elected the following officers at their last meeting

Sovereign Geo M Petcher Regent, Mrs I S Adams Architect J F Smith Past Sovereign Dr I S Adams Treasurer B F Waples Secretary M B Dickerson Master of Ceremonies Wm Hughey Warden M Stoll Guard H G Reiter Trustees—B F Waples Wm Hughey and R F Smith

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—Mr D H McCullough of Lima spent the Christmas holidays with Rev P Wallace and family on east Center street

—The firm of Johnston & Fisher has dissolved partnership after a pleasant and successful union of six years time Mr J C Johnston will remain in his present office and will be assisted by his son O W while Mr C C Fisher will occupy the office over the Deposit bank and go it alone Both are attorneys of high standing and the Star can do no better than wish them the success separately that they enjoyed as partners

—Mr J C Burns of Columbus who has been spending a few days in the city the guest of Miss Mary Mackin returned home Tuesday Mr Burns seems to be quite a favorite here among the young folks and a pleasant surprise was given him Christmas eve A reception was given in his honor at the home of Pat Lannon the favorite policeman About fifty guests were assembled and all speak highly of the evening's entertainment

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The event in the history of Marion county has been looked forward to with anxious hearts and doubtful expectations by many of our people who have the welfare of such an institution in mind The day of dedication dawned brightly and as the day sped and the hour for the exercises rolled around a goodly number had assembled to witness the commencement of this infant Institute in our beautiful city Prof Crouse's absence on account of closing exercises at the Union schools was regretted by all

Music that heavenly maid that charms the soul and tunes the heart to friendship love and truth came first "All My Life Long," was sung by the whole school

The invocation by Rev Wiant was earnest and full of pathos and made us feel that God had heard and answered on behalf of the Institute

The introductory address by M B Chase next followed It was an able effort and can only be appreciated by reading it so we shall give it space in next Tuesday's issue [A part of it is already in type but could not be completed in time for today's issue]

The Russian Grand March Quickstep and other pieces were so well rendered at the piano by Miss Cora Wonder daughter of Rev Wonder as to bring forth many comments of praise, compliments and applause of her hearers

Rev A W Yale in his inimitable manner presided took charge of the proceedings and with very neat and exceedingly appropriate prefatory remarks introduced the various speakers

Hon B G Young who was to have made an address was unavoidably called by telegram to Columbus and not a few were disappointed

The dedicatory prayer by Rev Thomas pastor of the Presbyterian church was full of soul inspiring eloquence invoking the Divine to take charge of baptize and care for and continue this Normal Institute for the blessing of the people Brother Thomas has a way of getting to the hearts of his auditors before they know it he steals (it is rather rough to say a minister steals) in unawares, as it were to our gentler musings and robs our hearts of sorrow

"Trust the Children," by Mattie Dennig was well given in a clear, plain voice that showed expressive training and here, too our hearts swelled with emotion as she uttered those beautiful words practiced by Mr Yale in the government of the Institute "Build a wall of love about them"

Little Denny Yale though took down the house in reciting the Story of the Apple His expression, gestures and emphasis were perfect, doing great credit to his father and himself The lesson of the quarrel between the four boys for the apple then fight for it, its unhappy roll down the hill until it stopped at the nose of the brindle cow feeding there, when the boys saw it go out of sight at one gulp and the regret of the boy with his coat sleeve to his eyes and tears trickling down his cheeks that he had not divided the apple in four was so real and good that we all enjoyed it beyond measure

'Give Me the Land,' by Miss Medlam, was nicely spoken, and full of sublime teachings

Michael Angelo as baby, youth and man was one of the best rendered selections of the afternoon by Miss Lawrence How the bright child grew to youth and ripened into manhood a blessing to himself and others was so expressively said that it made the audience feel as though it might be a parallel illustration of what the Marion Normal and Commercial Institute, now in its infancy might become

Zoa Merchant gingled the bells and made them ring and tinkle to our pleasure, although no snow or sleighs were near

At this time in the program were introduced short speeches less formal and hence greatly enjoyable Mr True was called upon but was excused, the audience feeling that he was more of a man of deeds than words

Rev Wonder in an earnest address gave his experience and encouraged the students that the privileges they now had far exceeded those of his early instruction It was well received

Mr Lucas spoke of the great difference there is between the advantages now and when he was a young man of getting an education Instead of having to plod miles and miles through deep snows, school houses were near at hand Instead of hard benches and rough board tables nice easy arm rest seats and patent desks were used

Rev Wiant gave a soul stirring experience of a poor boy who labored his way through school, boarded himself at 87 cents a month This was so real that it was thought that the poor boy had grown into the great intellectual man who stood before us For its good advice, touching incident and manly encouragement the speaker had the gratitude of all his hearers Especially he said Mr True the founder, should have the gratitude of all

Rev Thomas struck a happy vein in his opening remarks that at once drew the pleased attention of all present It was said that preachers when school boys were wild and full of fun and mischief, and admitted that he did not entirely escape from what the boys called 'classical lickins,' but did not desire his hearers to think he was the worst boy in school for the rest got it just as often for it was more the rule then than now He gave his early experience in working his way to get an education, as self made men who are our brightest and best most all do He gave a general history of how other colleges had commenced with fewer members and under less favorable circumstances than this and had become a mighty power in the land His comments on the address of Mr Chase in relation to the cookery department of schools was well timed and was received with pleasure and applause He like all others of his calling wanted to be placed on the testing committee Of course he had an eye to business, for he said that being on the examining committee for this department and its instruments was the next step after graduation with the [illegible] he could come [illegible] into the [illegible] stomach

Mr Mc[illegible] Mr Lawrence Sr Mr Geo [illegible] Mr Ether [illegible] Hill [illegible] very entertaining addresses of good will and support

Rev Yale gave a brief history of the unfavorable circumstances under which the Institute began all of which by perseverance and steady industry had been overcome

The [illegible] day of December 1887 is one to be long remembered in the annals of Marion and the students from home and abroad will be proud to say in after years in looking back that they helped to plant and water this seed of knowledge at College Hill

The Philomathic Society gave an entertainment in the evening that was greatly enjoyed by all who attended We have not the time to notice it at length in this issue

ROUGH ON RATS

Mrs John Hummel of Norton, Strangely Suicides Domestic Trouble the Cause

Special to the Daily Star]

WALDO, O Dec 2[illegible] 1887—Mrs Ella Hummel of Norton Delaware Co committed suicide Thursday afternoon by taking Rough on Rats She was made a present of 75 cents and a couple articles of kitchen ware as a Christmas gift by her husband for which she appeared very much pleased She went to Wintermute's store and bought Rough on Rats with the money and came home and told her husband that she intended to take a teaspoon full He thought she did not intend to nor it would not kill her if she did However he spoke to her and said "She had not better take it" Still she went to the kitchen and took it and came in and told him she had taken it He raised the alarm but too late She died next morning at 3 a m While she was under treatment of the doctor she appeared very unconscious and expressed herself but once by saying "She had done wrong and was sorry for it" Mr Hummel has lived in Norton quite a number of years and every body is well acquainted with him

Mrs Hummel came from Westfield to Norton about fifteen months ago Her name then was Ella Foust An inquest was held today by Coroner Wintermute of Norton and Dr J R Hipple, of Waldo, who found nothing but a suicide She leaves a daughter thirteen months old and a husband to mourn her absense

A Christmas Social

One of the most brilliant and enjoyable society events of the season was the C L S C social held Monday evening at the pleasant home of W Z Davis on east Center street

It was the regular night for the meeting of the circle but instead of the usual studies and lessons the time was spent in general conversation and games popping corn and questions, cracking nuts and jokes It had been previously arranged that each member of the class should come prepared with a true Christmas story When the stories were called for the first member to respond was Dr Drake who in a happy style peculiar to himself gave an interesting account of an old time escapade in which some of his party by the aid of the others received a ducking

Mrs VanFleet followed in a pretty little fancy about the mistletoe and its sweet significance Several others responded in rich, racy stories, enjoyable and interesting

Mr Preston Search of Sidney Ohio was next called out and held the audience spell bound with a graphic description of a White Mountain adventure His description of sunrise on Mt Washington was beautiful and outshone Mark Twain in its vividness and color

Christmas cards were exchanged and the mottoes read Music and refreshments were indulged in A box of cookies from Portland Maine were opened and pronounced most excellent having the true Yankee "snap"

Among the visitors from abroad were Mr and Mrs Preston Search, of Sidney, O and Mr D Herbert McCullogh of Lima, O

At a late hour the guests departed feeling that the evening had been most profitably and enjoyably spent W

At the German E P Church

The German Evangelical Protestant church gave their Christmas entertainment Sunday evening The exercises, consisting of poems dialogues and singing, were interesting and entertaining, and were conducted by Rev Jno Schweinfurth A transparency representing the appearance of the angel to the shepherds, a beautifully decorated tree and a motto in diamond dust were the decorations About forty members of the school participated, and each deserves exceeding credit The choir with Mr Jno Leffler as director, rendered three very difficult selections and excelled even that which the most fastidious could anticipate

A very marked feature of the evening were the violin solos with organ accompaniment, by little Vinnie Call better known as "Baby" Although too small to be seen herself her bow could occasionally be seen flourishing above the heads of the vast audience

Rev Schweinfurth's surprise was complete when at the close of the exercises Mr Ackerman handed him an envelope containing twenty five dollars as a present from the congregation

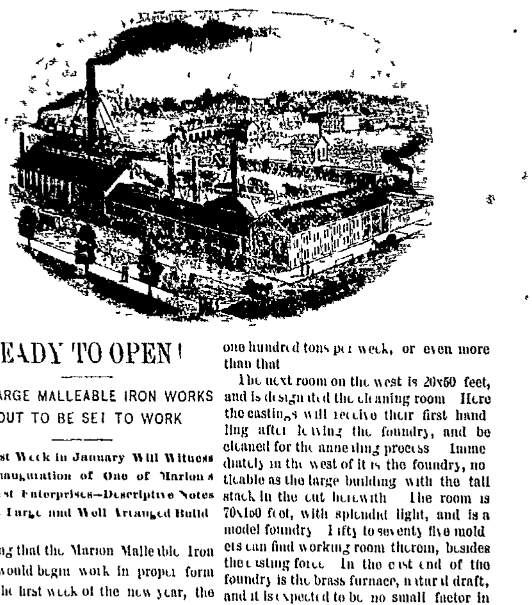
Presents were distributed among the scholars, as usual

Another West End Fire

West Marion, the wholly unprotected part of the city was again visited by fire last Saturday night, the large double house belonging to Horatio Hoyles and occupied by John Meinhart and Ed Hudson, burning to the ground

The flames started in some mysterious way in the east part of the house about half past eight and were discovered by Mrs Kitchen a lady neighbor No means were at hand to battle them and nothing was done except to prevent spreading, and saving all contents possible

Mr Hoyles had the building insured for $1000 and will not suffer much loss above that sum Edson had his goods insured for $550 and Meinhart $300 and they will not lose but little, if any



READY TO OPEN!

THE LARGE MALLEABLE IRON WORKS ABOUT TO BE SET TO WORK

The First Week in January Will Witness the Inauguration of One of Marion's Greatest Enterprises—Descriptive Notes on the Large and Well Arranged Buildings

Hearing that the Marion Malleable Iron Works would begin work in proper form during the first week of the new year, the STAR marched thither with a view of getting something of interest as well as a definite announcement on the subject Entering the temporary office on the east end, Secretary Waples and Treasurer Bell were found both busy attending to a great amount of work, but as contented as well pleased business men can be

Secretary Waples consented to act in the capacity of lecturing guide for the STAR, and a trip was made through the buildings

The first room entered is what Mr Waples styled the finishing room and Pattern department, 50x60 feet Here the carpenters were busy at work, and Sup't Bacher was just finishing up a large steam whistle made by the Works for their main power engine It was the first steam whistle ever wrought in Marion, but it is expected to be the beginning of thousands as that is a branch of the Malleable Co's business

This room is only a pattern room for the winter " said Mr Waples and then he led the scribe into the next room adjoining on the west stating that it was the department for the emery wheels, blackening the castings and packing them for shipment It is 10x60 feet, and adjoined on the north by the engine room, which contains the power for the works, and a large 22 horse power engine is now already for starting

The next room, where the three short stacks are shown in cut, is 50x60 feet and is where the mysterious work is to be done that is expected will give the Marion works prestige over all others—the annealing room Two large annealing ovens are almost completed and there is foundation for two more, which will be built when the needs of the company's business demands it These immense ovens are an attractive sight, in process of construction, and will probably be all the more so when in use annealing the castings Each one has a capacity of twelve to fourteen tons, and when it is remembered that Sup't Bacher expects to anneal in from one to two days it gives the works an annealing capacity of about one hundred tons per week, or even more than that

The next room on the west is 20x60 feet, and is designated the cleaning room Here the castings will receive their first hand flag after leaving the foundry, and be cleaned for the annealing process Immediately in the west of it is the foundry, noticeable as the large building with the tall stack in the cut herewith The room is 70x150 feet, with splendid light, and is a model foundry Fifty to seventy five molders can find working room therein, besides the casting force In the east end of the foundry is the brass furnace, natural draft, and it is expected to be no small factor in the concern

Connected with the ninety eight foot stack shown in cut is the malleable iron furnace, natural blast The furnace is quite a large affair, with a basin receptacle for the iron, and is so constructed in sections that the molten iron can be skimmed and kept clean Mr Bacher thinks they have attained perfection in the construction of this furnace, and the natural draft of the great stack is sufficiently strong to lift a nail keg

Near this furnace is one of the ordinary melting furnaces for making the castings that are from common iron, and are not to be annealed It too, is a model of its kind and in keeping with the perfect manner of construction throughout the concern

"Now," said Mr Waples, after the foundry had been sufficiently noted, "you have seen all thus far erected The building shown in the front of your cut, which, by the way is taken from the plans, extending north and south and 50x150 feet, is not yet erected It is designed to be our office and pattern building but we could have no possible use for it this winter, and could not have erected it had we chosen to do so

"What is the program for starting "

"Well, we expect to open in good shape the first week in January As soon as the furnaces have been tested to our satisfaction we shall have two exhibition days, and invite everybody who is interested in seeing the works in operation the doors will be closed to visitors thereafter

"What is the outlook Mr Waples?"

"Very promising If we were only sure of what we could do we could contract now for work enough for six months ahead Of course we jump at no big contracts that we are not sure that we can fill, for we want the Marion works to have the reputation of supplying orders as promised We have plenty ahead now to open with a force of forty hands, and will probably treble that number in the spring Mr Spragg's Hoist has come into a remarkable demand, and that promises a bigger thing than anyone expected "

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CAPITOL PEN PICTURES

TAKEN BY OUR CORRESPONDENT IN THE LOBBIES

Wood Fires and How They Are Kept Up. Gossip About Senator Farwell, Senator Quay, Congressman Martin and Others. Riddleberger's Successor

[Special Correspondence.]

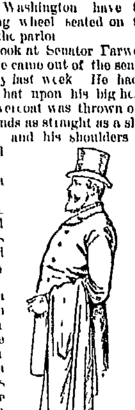
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22

THE senate has just adjourned for the holidays, and we will have no more of congress until after New Year's. The statesmen have many of them gone home to eat their turkeys, but I note that there are more here than ever before at this season. This arises from the interstate commerce law, which prevents the issue of passes to congressmen. Representatives and senators now travel like ordinary men. They pay for their sleepers, and not a few of them travel in common coaches. Holman, of Indiana, says he prefers the ordinary coach to the sleeper, and I am told that he wanted his committee which visited the Indian reservation a year or so ago, to take the common cars and save their sleeping car expenses. Holman, however, is nothing if not economical, and he believes in cutting down the expenses of Uncle Sam as he does his own.

I spent a few hours in the Capitol the day congress adjourned, and I noted there a character who has never gotten into the newspapers. This is an old negro who might have posed for the stage representation of Uncle Tom. He takes the wood from the basement up to the fireplaces in the senate, and there are a number of men like him who do nothing but this. They use hods and carry great loads of wood on their shoulders. Every committee room has its wood fire place, and wood fire places are the aristocratic thing nowadays. They cost more than coal, and the home of no millionaire is complete without its brass andirons and its big wood fire place. These andirons are very fine in make and very costly. Senator Hearst has a pair which are made of brass owls and his wood box is a brass stand in which the wood lies in a sort of scoop not unlike the body of this hod. The vice president's room has as fine andirons as any in the Capitol, and the old ones, which were in use while Hendricks presided over the senate, have been sent to Mrs. Hendricks at Indianapolis. She has put them in her grate there, but she once told me that she thought of using natural gas to heat her house, and if she does so she will probably have imitation terra cotta logs placed upon these brass andirons over which the gas fire will play, looking as natural as that which burned in the log cabins of our forefathers. The oldfashioned iron andirons, made of wrought iron beautifully worked, are also very much used, and the statesman who has a grandfather hunts up the old firedogs from the garrets of the homestead and brings them down to his parlor. I know of a number of noted men who have done this thing, and not a few of the homes here in Washington have the ancestral spinning wheel seated on the Turkish rugs of the parlor.

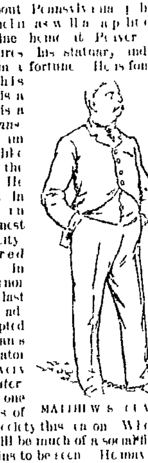
JUDGE KELLEY AND W. H. MARTIN

I took a good look at Senator Farwell, of Chicago, as he came out of the senate chamber one day last week. He had a fashionable silk hat upon his big head and his spring overcoat was thrown over his arm. He stands as straight as a shell bark hickory tree and his shoulders are almost as broad as those of Sullivan. He has a magnificent physique, and his eye is bright and laughing. He is a brainy man and a man of money as well as fame. He has made a pile lately in building the Texas state house, and he got, I am told, a grant of land as big as some of the smaller states for doing so. He has a couple hundred miles of fence and has cattle by the tens of thousands upon his ranch. Still what he has made has been the result of his own work. He came to Illinois a poor boy and worked for a few dollars a week. He has now an elegant home at Chicago and rents one of the finest houses of Washington. His wife is a highly educated woman and very charitable. She is interested in educational matters and in missionary work, and both she and her husband are liberal. Miss Farwell will not be in Washington society this winter as was expected, and she will, I understand, be married shortly to the son of our ex-minister to Persia, Mr. Winston. Senator Farwell has been a member of congress before, and he was elected in 18[illegible] when Long John Wentworth was his opponent. Farwell is tall and muscular, but Wentworth is taller and more muscular, and the contest was a fight of the giants. Farwell was re-elected in 18[illegible] and in 18[illegible] and again in 1880. He then declined to run again, and now takes the place of Gen. John A. Logan in the United States senate.



CHARLES B. FARWELL

Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, prom[illegible] [illegible] He is a man [illegible] [illegible] mustache. He [illegible] dresses [illegible] [illegible] low. His father was a preacher [illegible] Quay is [illegible] Scotch [illegible] He is now [illegible] years old, and during the last [illegible] decades he has taken a very prominent part in Pennsylvania politics. As far back as 1860 he was private secretary to the governor of Pennsylvania when Andrew G. Curtin held that office, and after the war closed he became a member of the legislature. He has been treasurer of Pennsylvania and has been a member of the Republican state committee. He knows all about Pennsylvania politics, but he is a scholar as well as a politician. He has a fine home at Beaver [illegible] and his pictures, his statuary and his books cost him a fortune. He is fond of books and his whole house is a library. He is a man of means, but he has, I am told, nothing like the wealth of the Camerons. He lives here in Washington in one of the finest houses of the city. It is the red pressed brick in which Governor Curtin lived last year, and is admirably adapted for a statesman's home. Senator Quay has a very bright daughter who will be one of the figures of Washington society this season. Whether the senator will be much of a society man himself remains to be seen. He may take after Don Cameron and prefer his home to society.



MATTHEW S. QUAY

I saw Judge Kelley talking to Judge Martin, the new representative from Texas, in the Capitol to-day. The two are of about the same height, and Martin is a character. He is, I imagine, a much underestimated character too, and he is the man whom the papers have unjustly charged with blowing out the gas at Willard's hotel and with doing other things hardly consistent with the customs of our advanced civilization. He is a tall, slender, wiry man of over six feet in height, and his hat is a black sombrero with a rim six inches wide. He stands straight, carries himself well, and his fierce eyes look out from under heavy bushy brows. He has curly, glossy dark hair, and his forehead is rather high. He walks with a cane, and though he dresses well apparently cares but little about appearances. During the opening day of congress his vest was held together only by its lowest button, and contrary to the custom of some of the congressional dudes, he did not finger or refix his necktie once during the whole day's session. He wears a black necktie, which he ties himself, and on the whole, he is to my mind a rather fine looking man. He is a man of ability, and his Texas friends tell me that he will make a stir in congress before the session is over.

He was born in Alabama, and was admitted to the bar there. He went to Texas when he was 27 years old, and was a member of the Texas senate at 30. In 1861 he raised a company for the Confederate army and fought under Lee until the war closed. He then returned to Texas, practiced law, and served a term as district attorney. The charge as to the gas is ridiculous, for he has long been a public man, and I imagine that he knows considerably more than the correspondents suppose. He has made a fortune in Texas and owns a large ranch there. He is sufficiently well off to have retired from the practice of the law, and he comes to congress as a Democrat.

Judge Kelley, by the way, has not been at all well of late, but he tells me he soon hopes to get the malaria out of his system, and then "Richard will be himself again." His mind, however, is as active as it was when he came to congress at the beginning of the war, and he has now been in congress longer than any man at Washington. He is tall, straight and slender, and his voice is as strong as that of the youngest man in the house. He carries on a great amount of literary work in addition to his congressional duties, and he has now a book on the south in the hands of his publishers. It is of course full of protective tariff ideas, for Kelley is nothing if not a protectionist. He gets through his work by stealing to it, and he uses a stenographer largely. He can dictate as fluently as he can write, and his dictated matter is as concise as though it had been revised and re-revised with the pen in hand.

John S. Barbour, the man who will take Riddleberger's place in the United States senate, will be one of the finest looking men in that body. He is over six feet high, with shoulders considerably over two feet broad and with a bust measure of more than forty inches. He weighs 2[illegible]0 pounds and his clothes are tailor made, and that to order. His head is large and packed with brains. His forehead is broad and his face[illegible] is like that of the millionaire Corcoran. He has shown himself to be a man of ability in the lower house, and he will cut a leading figure on the Democratic side of the upper one. He comes of one of the oldest of the F. F. V.s, and he has had ancestors in the senate, in the cabinet and in the bench.

FRANK G. CARPENTER

An International Dollar

The Partido Liberal, the organ of the Diaz administration, in discussing the plan for an international dollar to circulate in the United States and Mexico, advocates the scheme and intimates that this would lead to a further [illegible] of the interests of Mexico and the north[illegible] republic, and would tend to obliterate the frontiers as far as regards commercial transactions. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] well and the article is regarded as [illegible] [illegible] of the administration [illegible] the United States. The question is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by the Mexican press. The advocacy of a common dollar for the [illegible] continent by the South American trade commission attracted much attention in the city of Mexico.—Chicago Times.

American Beavers

Bismarck—If [illegible] Americans [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] fisheries dispute will [illegible] fight [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] —No, we won't.

[illegible]

It will [illegible] madness [illegible] fight [illegible] nation as [illegible]

[illegible]

"My [illegible] Why, sir, those Americans [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] hot stoves. They're born dare devils."—Omaha World.

NEW YORK FASHIONS

AMERICANS BEGINNING TO THINK FOR THEMSELVES IN DRESS

How Mrs. Ogden Goelet Dresses at Home. One of Mrs. Cleveland's New Gowns. Some Hints as to the Proper Way to Dress Children

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, Dec. 22

Most of the [illegible] [illegible] things to record in the fashions of the winter [illegible] that the American [illegible] beginning to use a little judgment [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the dictates of foreign modistes, who know very little of the characteristics of our women, and seem to think anything will do for us if it is only sure[illegible] [illegible] with exp[illegible] [illegible]

Time was [illegible] [illegible] were laughed at for wearing extra[illegible] [illegible] jewels and elaborate dresses to breakfast, and changing costume five times a day. That day is past, and the leaders of fashion now in general put on their best in the evening, [illegible] they intend to wear all day, and [illegible] [illegible] they are to go out or receive, when naturally they change. Mrs. Ogden Goelet, one of the wealthiest ladies in New York, wears in the morning at home a plain dark cashmere dress made with simple shawl drapery, and with a loose vest front of cherry colored crepe de chine, with a plain linen collar and bit of lace at the throat arranged as a jabot and fastened by a tiny pin. A neater, prettier costume for such use could not be designed, and she wears such dresses until 3 in the afternoon, when she dresses for the occasion, whether it is to go out or to receive.

On the street a natty but exceedingly plain tailor made cloth suit is the favorite costume of this lovely little lady, who could cover herself with diamonds from head to foot if her taste were less refined than it is.

And the same taste is shown by all the ladies of true refinement.

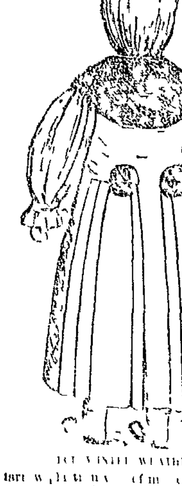
The late Mrs. Commodore Vanderbilt wore plain black silk dresses through the entire day, even if it was her "at home," only donning her magnificent toilets on such occasions, such as grand dinner, operas and ball. And the rule now is quite general that the plainer the home and street dresses the more they stamp the true lady.

But the ball dresses and the [illegible] [illegible] the grand loges of the opera! The [illegible] are as magnificent as rich material, elaborate workmanship and expensive trimming can make them. The colors are beautifully blended or contrasted, artistic taste is displayed in them all. As to the waists, there is not enough of them to make it worth while to mention them, only to wonder how they hold on. Only a few of fashion's leaders and followers dare create unfavorable comment by wearing decently high dresses. Of them it is more than hinted that they can't wear their dresses so low because they haven't got pretty shoulders.

But there is one comfort: young girls, little girls and babies have never been so comfortably or prettily dressed as now. To see them in their warm and quaint little gowns and cloaks is a pleasant thing, with only one drawback. The colors now most fashionable for children wear are too somber. Dark brown, grays, slate and stone color, maroon and even invisible green, as well as dark plaid, are all in style. Some mothers, however, get creamy white or scarlet, which are vastly better suited to childhood. The coats for street are made with short waists and long skirts with enormous buttons at the back. The little things look too sweet to live in them, but there is no fear of their becoming angels just yet, for the most of them have their allotted quantity of the old Adam.

There is one large house here that makes a specialty of ball dresses for young ladies, and a peep at them shows such a bewildering cloudlike array of drapery, pretty ribbons and silvery embroideries on diaphanous foundation as to set one to thinking of celestial beings. This transparent filmy white material is singularly appropriate for youth and freshness, and is far prettier and more suitable for young girls than the elaborate and expensive toilets they wore a few seasons ago. They do well, the young girls, to leave the richer materials for that time when their fading charms require magnificent textures and ornament to hide their decay.

At this same establishment they had just finished a splendid costume for Mrs. Cleveland of cream white plush of the most elegant quality. This "gown" is for receptions, and perhaps will serve on other occasions, for Mrs. Cleveland is not ashamed to wear one dress many times if it suits her. It is made with a plain basque waist with a long point in front and another in the back. The front has a



ICE WINTER WEATHER

[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] of the same [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] center [illegible]. The front of the waist is [illegible] with a [illegible] cord. It is square in [illegible] finished [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] feel like [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Mrs. Cleveland economize [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dress [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] of New York always have some [illegible] [illegible] other which does no particular harm, but which nevertheless is fa[illegible]. Just now it is that they have no nerve for [illegible] and their digestion is far from being perfect. For the latter is the [illegible] for the former they have adopt[illegible] different treatment, and you will hear them descant upon the beneficial effects of this, that or the other stuff they [illegible]. One says: "I take Burdock's liquid food, and oh dear, it's horrid, but it is building me right up." "I am taking [illegible] and cod liver oil, and I don't believe there is a worse dose in the universe," says another, "but I was all run down, and Eva B— takes cod liver and phosphites."

"I take broma and iron rust," says a mother who looks the very picture of health, "and it has got so that now in a fashionable drug store the girls call for their favorite tipple especially, and the druggists sell broma soda and broma [illegible] and nobody knows what else, besides [illegible] maltine and phosphate drinks. [illegible] [illegible] that can get the largest name [illegible] [illegible] makes a merit of drinking is the envy of the rest.

MRS. CLEVELAND'S PLUSH DRESS

There is also a great and growing fashion among the young ladies of New York, of studying the science of the preservation of their beauty and the development of [illegible] still more by following certain prescribed rules, and there never was such a demand for the raw material that goes to make up toilet accessories in the way of powders, balms, creams and colorings, for hair, eyebrows, cheeks, lips, chins and finger tips in the world. They have grown to fear those they buy, and the craze for arsenic wafers has died out, so they make their own.

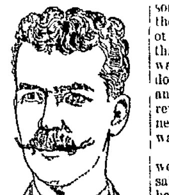
OLIVE HARPER.

ERNEST DELANCEY PIERSON

A Young Writer of New York Who Is Rapidly Making His Way

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A figure that is as familiar to the busy workers of Newspaper Row as it is to the literary circles of my own New York is that of Ernest De Lancey Pierson, poet, humorist and critic. [illegible] [illegible] his slender form makes him tall in appearance, youthful in years and complexion; a profuse sprinkling of white hair about his brow and temples adds a singular expression of age and firmness to a face that might otherwise [illegible] effeminate. A Bohemian in taste, habit and associates, he nevertheless violates all the canons of the race by a carefulness of toilet and a tastefulness in dressing and ornamentation which would do credit to the figures of a fashion plate.

Born in Auburn, N. Y., June 15, 1863, he comes of what may be termed good literary stock. His mother, Mrs. Helen W. Pierson, has enjoyed for thirty years a high reputation as a poem writer, contributor and editor [illegible] [illegible]. In this period she [illegible] [illegible] a prominent position in the management of Frank Leslie's literary publications. His brother, [illegible] Herbert Pierson, is an architect with strong literary [illegible] who is known to all magazine readers as the author of graceful verses and fanciful sketches, in which [illegible] [illegible] largely predominates. His great grandfather, Abraham Pierson, was the first president of Yale college, and his uncle, Rev. Arthur Pierson, is a [illegible] [illegible] divine and religious writer of Philadelphia.



ERNEST DELANCEY PIERSON

Delancey Pierson's professional career has been a very busy one. He began work early in his teens under the late Frank Leslie, and before he had reached his 19th year had achieved some celebrity by clever versification, light humor and [illegible] descriptive writing. Later he became connected with the press of Boston, Hartford, Philadelphia and Chicago.

While his reputation has been gained largely through a number of brilliant romances, novels, ballads and other so called [illegible] [illegible] it really rests upon [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of thorough and conscientious work. This has not been confined to any particular channel, but has covered every literary field excepting [illegible] [illegible] the industries and sciences. Short stories and sketches, essays, reviews, editorial, news articles, special [illegible] and [illegible], adaptations and translations [illegible] [illegible] nine-tenths of his works, and would probably fill a dozen octavo [illegible].

In style he [illegible] [illegible] to a certain extent [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and wit of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a certain delicate sentiment and [illegible] altogether his own.

When the New York Morning Journal was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] was engaged as [illegible] [illegible] which position he has [illegible] [illegible]. His latest venture in [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a happy [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] school of poetry [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] acknowledged [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] tribute to his ability as a [illegible] and editor, as well as a verse maker.

W. E. S. F.

OUR MEXICAN LETTER

Edward Vilo and the Little Woman Leave The Cave [illegible] [illegible] Their Journey

[Special Correspondence.]

IN THE MOUNTAINS OF MEXICO, Dec. [illegible].—Leaving the cave with regret that we could not devote more time to its exploration, [illegible] room in our carriage to transport the [illegible] of which there are so many that we [illegible] unable to [illegible] we [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and had a long [illegible] [illegible] up a rugged mountain road for the horses, while we brought up the [illegible] of our [illegible] toward Durango. We had gone nearly a league when we came upon a man and child sitting under the shade of a thatch supported by four poles, weaving straw hats out of the [illegible] of grass which grew so thickly about them that all they had to do was to change their positions from time to time to always have a supply of material. They had fully 60 of these hats laid around in the sun drying. Three or four goats browsed about, a whole family of dogs lay around, and a [illegible] little [illegible] burro laid his long ears back and waited for an opportunity to kick some one. There was a little fire over which the inevitable pot of beans was cooking.

I never saw any one look so utterly astonished in my life as was that man when he saw us upon [illegible] him. He looked at the little woman as if he thought her some sort of [illegible], for she has one of that kind of complexions that never tans or sunburns, and I think, though I may be partial, that she grows prettier every day, as her health [illegible] more robust under the influence of this active, open air existence. However, he rose and bade us welcome with simple grace, and we sat down on the ground by him while the little woman delighted him beyond measure by talking to him in his own language. When we told him the object of our voyage through the untraveled parts of Mexico he sat in thought a moment while I sketched him, and then he told us that away there, a little to the left, was a very old ruined village, perhaps a city, and if we would like to see it he would gladly take us there. It would take us the rest of the day, but would amuse us. When the driver heard that we were to remain all night for this purpose he crossed himself and said: "Surely the evil one must have got into these Americans. They don't know their own minds ten minutes."

We had dinner an hour earlier than usual, and with the addition of some cactus pears, which are very good when ripe, if you are very careful about the thorns. Then we started, leaving the horses tethered up to their knees in rich grass. The cook remained behind and the driver went with us, much against his will, for the Mexicans appear to have a great horror of meddling with ruins. We trudged along through the thick grass, catching many rare and beautiful insects on the way until after nearly three hours' hard tramp we turned an angle of a mountain defile and ascended something like [illegible]00 or [illegible]0 feet and [illegible] [illegible] and there in a beautiful valley surrounded on four sides by hills and mountains lay the remains of what must at one time have been quite an important city, as cities went in those days.

What astonished me was that some of the houses had clearly been three stories high, and all were built of enormous blocks of hewn stone, though scarcely anything but the walls were standing; no roofs or floors remained, which proved to me that wood also had been used in the construction, and that probably the roofs had been covered with thatch. We counted the walls of twenty distinct houses; some of them must have been large enough to have contained several families, besides which there were smaller confused heaps of stone in every direction. We looked in vain for any trace of a church or cross which could give us an idea of the era of this city, but there was nothing. But finally the little woman said:

"Edward, there is something over there," and we climbed a hill to the east, at first not noticing that there were or ever had been stone steps, but afterward we found that there was a regular flight of stone steps leading to the brow of the hill, which was flattened off and had been paved with large slabs of stone, in some places covered with soil and grass, and in others tilted up so as to prove the existence of the paving. In the center was a round stone set some two feet above the level of the rest, and on one side we found some faint evidences of rude carving, but the top was smooth as if from the weight of time. There were no relics or anything else that would indicate what this was for, but to my mind it was undoubtedly in its time a place of worship and probably of sacrifice. Digging might reveal some indications, but we had neither means nor time. All we could do was to make sketches.

On a high mountain to the westward were terraces built which the Mexican said were hollowed out like reservoirs, and he thinks that there was water there once, as near the rift in the mountains he feels sure there was once a water course, though this is now dry. The little woman suggested that perhaps from some cause this water failed and then the people had to move. "For you know," she continued, "nobody can live without water, and they didn't know how to dig wells," and I quite agreed with her as I climbed up to the place where I found row upon row of great reservoirs, now nearly filled with debris and the dust of centuries.

They reached tier upon tier up to just below the evidence of a narrow ravine between the summits of two mountains that proved their utility. There was in each a sort of spout like place whereby the surplus water could flow into another lateral or lower reservoir, and from their number they must have supplied a large population. The mind is lost in conjecture as to the age of this massive work, said I, and who can tell where are the builders?——

"I guess they are dead," said the little woman, and I did not reply, for I despise flippancy.

EDWARD VILO.

Perpetual Motion Inventor

George Stephenson, England's great engineer, began his experiences as an inventor with the perpetual motion problem, for which he constructed a machine. His biographer describes it as consisting of a "wooden wheel, the periphery of which was furnished with glass tubes filled with quicksilver, and as the wheel rotated the quicksilver poured itself down into the lower tubes, and thus a sort of self acting motion was kept up in the apparatus, which, however, did not prove to be perpetual."

Indeed, not a year passes but some new enthusiast lodges at the patent office the specification of some machine for perpetual motion. This is not in itself considered evidence of insanity, but it is unquestionably regarded by some as proof of mechanical aberration.—Scientific American.

South Omaha is proud to be called the "Meat City."

STORIES ABOUT MEN

Bits of Human Nature Taken From Greatness

Among the remarks addressed by the famous Justice Duffy of New York recently to prisoners before him and to persons asking the release of prisoners, The Sun recalls these:

To a boy: You are an incorrigible boy, you villain, you swashbuckler, you bandit, you knave. I shall have to send you up for seventeen years. Officer, put him in a cell with a big muskrat. Give him bread and water for six years. How old will he be when he comes out?

(Aside)—Let him go in an hour.

To a maltreated woman—You say you are married. You are married to whisky. Six months.

To a fighter—You are a ranger. You knock down and drag out people. Your face gives you away. I give you ten days. If you come here again I will give you ten years.

To a rambler—You are an Irish bum. You have not washed your face in two years.

To the whole [illegible]—[illegible] of you women out there who have got [illegible] and children to take care of, [illegible] [illegible] go home. I am tired of looking at you out there. Go home.

A Witty German Journalist

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Jewish journalist, is regarded as the foremost wit and humorist of the German speaking people. Many examples are cited of his readiness in retort.

While living in Munich he incurred the displeasure of King Ludwig by criticising the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. An opportunity [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for expelling the offending journalist from the Bavarian capital, and he was ordered to leave within four and [illegible] hours. The court chamberlain commissioned by the king waited on him and asked if he could manage to get away in so [illegible] time. "Yes," replied the unabashed journalist, "[illegible] if my own legs can't take me quick enough I'll borrow some of the superfluous feet in her majesty's last volume of verse."

When introduced for the first time to the prompter of the [illegible] [illegible]stadt theater, a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] evidence at [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] "I heard a good deal of you, Herr [illegible]——"—the prompter bowed his acknowledgments of the expected compliment—"[illegible]," the wit added—"in the course of a performance this evening."

Driving out in the suburbs of Vienna one day his coachman [illegible] [illegible] methkutscher, [illegible] into an altercation with a rival Jehu. Words soon led to oaths, and oaths to blows, and the pair set to in good earnest to decide which was the better man. Popping his head out of the hack window, Saphir mildly implored the pair to oblige him and [illegible] each other as quickly as they could, for he had engaged the carriage by the hour.

A young couple newly engaged were favored with a letter of introduction to him, which was duly presented. Now, the gentleman was notorious for his effeminate habits and ways, and his appearance at once [illegible] the [illegible] of the observant journalist, who [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. He said nothing [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] with embarrassment insisted upon their being seated in his most comfortable easy chairs, assured them how pleased he was to hear of their engagement, and wound up with: "Now, pray, you must, you really must tell me which of you is the bride."

He once described a theatre as being so full that people were obliged to laugh perpendicularly, there was no room to do so horizontally. Of a dull town that he visited, he remarked it was so quiet that but for an occasional death there would really be no life in the place.—New York Sun.

It [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] from St. Louis.

Since Marshall Field moved into his great new store [illegible] [illegible] street it is in some respects degenerated. It is a fact that there are a few tufts of grass growing in front of the big [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] which two fortunes have been [illegible]. Perhaps these are the only grass [illegible] to be found in the streets of Chicago. They are growing [illegible] directly under the window at which the Western merchant [illegible] [illegible] to sit and watch his many wagons [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] hither and yon. To the patriotic Chicagoan this [illegible] of the decadence of a once busy district is not pleasant. Not so, however, with a St. Louis man who came to Chicago several weeks ago. He knew no one in the city and his heart yearned for the [illegible] of his native town. While wandering [illegible] about the city the other day, he happened to pass the little tuft of grass which [illegible] up between the [illegible] on Market street. He stopped, gazed at it attentively and then sat down upon an empty dry goods box while tears [illegible] [illegible] his face.

[illegible] [illegible] said he to a man who was washing one of the windows in the big warehouse, "that little tuft of grass is like an oasis in the desert. It reminds me of St. Louis, and I want to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. It's the most homelike thing I've seen since I've been in Chicago."—Chicago Herald.

Citizen Train's Omaha Hotel

I was stopping at the Herndon house, now the Union Pacific headquarters. With me as guests were James Brooks and a dozen congressmen. We went down to breakfast, and during that early meal a window pane was broken and one of those wild, bleak, bitter Nebraska winds whistled through the hirsute appendages—this expression was not in vogue in those days—of the guests. The proprietor never made any effort to fix the defective window. It was genius on my part—a brilliant idea, I thought—when I called to an Ethiopian to brace himself up against the hole and stop the breeze. I did not fancy such a hotel and immediately went out and purchased the ground where the Cozzens house now stands. I also went to a contractor and asked him if he ever erected a building larger than a chicken coop. I had him construct the hotel in sixty days. I afterward rented it to Cozzens of New York, who took the management of it and paid me a rental of $10,000 a year for it.—Interview in Omaha World.

A Russian Prince's Practical Joke

Rosa Bonheur, the artist, was one evening placed at dinner next to the Grand Duke Michael, [illegible] of the present Czar. The two got on very well, and even ate a vielliebchen together at dinner. Owing to the pressure of business the Russian visitor forgot the joke and [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]. On asking Mme. Bonheur what he might offer her as a forfeit, she said [illegible] [illegible] "Any pretty little animal I might use as a model." For some time after the grand duke went away nothing was heard of him, and the artist had forgotten the affair, when only a few days ago the forfeit arrived in the shape of three gigantic white bears.—Pall Mall Gazette.

A Good Story About Lincoln

President Lincoln said once that the best story he ever read in the papers of himself was this: Two Quakeresses were traveling on the railroad and were heard discussing the probable termination of the war. "I think," [illegible] the first, "that Jefferson will succeed." "Why does thee think so?" asked the other. "Because Jefferson is a praying man." "And so is Abraham a praying man," objected the second. "Yes, but the Lord will think Abraham is joking," the first replied conclusively.—Boston Budget.

STRAY BITS

The Daily Dinner Horn is the name of a new paper at Paris, Tex.

A voyage [illegible] Iceland in an open boat has been [illegible] [illegible] by a venturesome sailor who started from [illegible] [illegible] recently.

A [illegible] [illegible] of the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, who has lived there for twenty [illegible] years, claims that in that time his [illegible] [illegible] meals have cost him $700,000.

The Mexican [illegible] is pre-eminently the dude of [illegible]. He is always clad in handsome [illegible] and carries a walking stick which [illegible] a beautiful specimen of elaborate carving.

The man who blows the cornet in a rural brass band down in Maine is six feet and ten inches tall, and the band is looking for a drum major [illegible] won't look like a midget prancing in front of him.

The Jackson (Mich.) police force, sixteen in number, weighs 2,882 pounds, is 640 years old and 94 feet in height. Its feet are 220 inches [illegible], it wears a size 116 hat and has [illegible] [illegible] on its clothing.

Mosquitoes in China have a very poisonous sting. In a Tientsin hospital there were at one [illegible] [illegible] summer a man with an abscess in his face and another with blood poisoning from the bite of the insects.

The forfeited railroad grant in Michigan held by fraud for nearly thirty years is being pre-empted with a rush. L'Anse is nearly depopulated. Even the editor of its one paper has dropped his shears and gone into the wilderness.

Two families occupying the same house in Wallingford, Conn., fought long and bitterly until the woman on the first floor burned feathers and cayenne pepper. Then the woman on the second floor capitulated and moved out.

The original Bartlett pear trees, named after Enoch Bartlett, still stand on his grounds, near Boston, and are over fifty years old. [illegible] years ago a new top was grafted upon these old trees and they still bear fine fruit.

A letter addressed to "the best lawyer" in Washington was received a few days ago from a man in Jefferson, Tex., who wanted to get an opinion on some original poems which he inclosed. Poets have to proceed cautiously in Texas.

The Klamath Indians have built up a considerable carrying trade along the Pacific coast. In their large canoes hewn out of the solid trunks of immense trees they carry dairy and farm products for the settlers and return with groceries and other supplies.

At Barre, Vt., is being quarried an immense block of granite to be used in a California bank vault. It is to be twenty five feet long, five feet thick and five feet wide, and it will require thirty span of horses to draw it four miles to the railroad station.

An English lock maker claims to have perfected a door that can be used in public buildings that will lessen the chances of accident in times of panic or real danger. It can be opened from the outside only by a key, but a slight pressure from within causes it to swing open outward.

Many years ago the grounds where the Atlanta exposition now stands was sold to Mr. Miles Dobbins, of Cobb county, for $400. This year the 197 acres were sold to the Piedmont [illegible] company for $4[illegible]000. This [illegible] the increase of values in real estate in and about Atlanta.

The Pitcairn Islanders, the descendants of British mutineers, still live happily and are prosperous. A shipwrecked man from the United States has married one of the natives. The islanders still keep the old country name, Young, McCoy and Christian, and want little except nails and fish hooks.

A passenger on a Georgia railroad, with a [illegible] to Waters Station, found that the train [illegible] not stop there. After appealing in vain to the conductor, he went to the front platform of the rear coach, drew out the coupling pin, set the brake and, when the car slackened its speed, jumped off into [illegible]. It was not until the train reached Savannah, some distance beyond, that the loss of the car was discovered.

The largest orange ever produced in Florida has been plucked from Gardner's Harbor grove in Brevard county. The variety is known as the London navel. The orange was 1[illegible] inches in circumference and weighed exactly two pounds and two ounces. This specimen was not a grape fruit or pomelo, or any other overgrown variety of the citrus family aside from the orange, but was a bona fide orange in every respect.

The Congressional library at Washington will cover 111,000 square feet, more than two and a half acres. Mr. Smithmeyer, to whom the library has been intrusted, has carried on, says The American Architect, elaborate tests of the resisting power of the soil on which it will stand. A loaded car was brought to bear on the earth of the excavated trenches in such a way as to prove that the resistance was equal to thirteen and a half tons to the square foot. As the estimated weight of the building is between two and three tons to the square foot, the chances of subsidence of walls and consequent disaster [illegible] reduced to a minimum. The German parliament house covers 110,000 square feet, the Royal [illegible] at Munich [illegible],000, the library of the British museum 97,[illegible].

COURTSHIP AND MARRIAGE

A wedding epidemic has broken out in Paris, Ky.

A clothing firm at Crawfordsville advertises that a marriage license will be given every young man who will buy his wedding suit of them.

In a trial at Philadelphia the other day the fact was brought out that two young people who were neighbors, had been in the habit of doing their courting on the roof of a house near by.

John Martin, of Trimbelville, Chester county, Pa., courted Miss Estella Webb for [illegible] years and then broke a marriage engagement. Now she sues him for $[illegible],000, or $1,000 a year for his courting.

James L. Bell, who is mentioned as having been an eccentric man, died recently in Middleton, Conn. He had four wives, and [illegible] gone to meet three. [illegible] at the time of his death he was preparing for his eighth marriage.

A young man at Tiffin, O., courted a young lady until 1 o'clock in the morning. When he started to go home he found the door fastened [illegible] [illegible] so that he could not open it. When he tried to crawl out of a window he was arrested as a burglar and had to be identified by the girl.

SPORTING AND ATHLETIC

Tommy Warren and Patsy O'Leary, [illegible] St. Paul, have [illegible] [illegible] to fight to a finish on Jan. [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] rules with small gloves for 1,000 [illegible]. [illegible] has put up $500 for it.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible], Crawfordsville, Ind., has broken the [illegible] [illegible] record by wheeling [illegible] miles in [illegible] hours. This run was made [illegible] [illegible] between Crawfordsville and Lafayette and exceeds by eighteen miles any previous run.

LOCAL NEWS

Tom L[illegible] of LaRue was in the city on business Friday

—Charles Miller of Columbus O was in the city Thursday on business

—Ed J Wells of Delaware celebrated Christmas with friends on Gospel Hill

[illegible] returned [illegible] Thursday after a visit with his parents

—Miss Jane Sweath[illegible] of L[illegible] spent the week among her relatives in Marion

—Eddie and George Shute spent Monday and Tuesday among their LaRue relatives

—B[illegible] Kleinmaier visited Chicago on Monday and Tuesday on a brief pleasure trip

—Miss Lesley of New York is the guest of her cousin Miss Nellie [illegible] on south Mill street

—Miss [illegible] of Parkersburg W Va, is visiting her cousin Miss Jacoby on East street

—Miss Maggie G[illegible] of Delaware is visiting the Misses Cunningham, on west Center street

—[illegible] in this city

—Wm Baldwin and little son of Wood county are visiting relatives in and about Green Camp

Too natural to see Al Philbrook [illegible] and we doubt not but Al feels as of old

—The ladies of St Paul's church netted about $30 by their venture in the holiday candy business

—Mrs Fairfield of Salem, O is making a visit at the home of her son E G Fairfield on the hill

Miss Bertha Walters left for Galion Thursday to spend her vacation with her many friends there

—Mrs Eva D Binkler and daughter left for Canfield O Friday where they expect to visit a few weeks

—H [illegible] was attending the annual meeting of the State Bar Association at Toledo Thursday

—Samuel Mounts returned to his home in Terre Haute Ind on Monday after visiting a week with relatives here

Mrs E C Vanstock has gone to Cleveland to visit Forest City relatives and those of other points in Northern Ohio

—Miss Louise [illegible]hardt left Tuesday for Bellevue O where she will spend a week visiting her sister Mrs H Sutter

—J W Crawford and wife of Richwood and W C Lucas and wife of LaRue spent Christmas with Mr and Mrs B F Waples

—J W Stringer manager of the Marion Manufacturing company was in Cleveland last Monday on business for the company

—Mrs W B Grosskoph nee Miss Lou Baker of Providence R I is the guest of her aunt Mrs J C Johnston on east Center street

Mrs A G Crouse has been spending this week at her parents home in Westerville O Mr Crouse was also there a part of the week

C S Cunningham and H B Cunningham both of Lancaster O are the guests of the family of John Cunningham on west Center street

I Bieber Superintendent of the Malleable Iron Works went to Canton O Monday to secure hands They commence work Monday

—Miss Ella Reiser of Fostoria has been visiting in Marion for a couple days Miss Yake and her friend Miss G[illegible] accompanied her home Friday

—J C Walters has opened out a clothing house in West Liberty O and his daughter Miss Anna left for that place on Tuesday morning to assist him

—L Huber's latest patent is that of a lifting jack presumably for use on engines and separators His name appears in this week's list of Ohio patentees

—H S Brooks and wife visited with their daughter Mrs L E Underwood on East street Christmas and returned to their home in Logan county on Monday

Col Jim Orr, of the original C and A force was seeing his old friends here Wednesday The Colonel and Harry Young left Thursday for a brief visit in Chicago

—Miss Clara Hiles daughter of Postal Clerk E C Hiles of the C and A returned to her home in Wabash Ind Wednesday after spending Christmas with the family of I B Thew

—Among the guests from abroad at the Culbertson McWilliams wedding were Mr and Mrs Gates of Cleveland Mr and Mrs Clark of Columbus and Dud Culbertson of Mechanicsburg

—The tenth wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Thomas Mack was duly celebrated on Monday night by a tin wedding, which was attended by about forty of their friends A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all present

—Two sharp swindlers worked a banking scheme on rich Logan county farmers and they bit by the dozens The bank was to be a government institution and pay 100 per cent every ten days One old man put in $500 and numerous others lost smaller amounts

—Miss Kate Hardy spent Christmas in Findlay and says everybody is happy and prosperous over there Mrs McCormick is settled in her most complete and beautiful home on Center street and considers natural gas a great luxury that Marion people know nothing about

—The annual installation and banquet of Marion Lodge No 70 F and A M was a very pleasant affair Tuesday night the great feature being the attendance of nearly all Past Worshipful Masters A very cleverly written description of the initiation of the ladies is given us and is published in another column

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—Miss Emma Thomas is visiting friends in Cleveland this week

—Mr and Mrs Joe Matthews are on a visit to Mrs Matthews former home in Findlay

—Mrs Clark Turney has gone to Washington called thither by the illness of her *mother, Mrs G W Conrad*

—The County Commissioners gave the Brinker ditch matter a hearing in an adjourned session Friday

—P Emerson Dombaugh arranged to get to Marion to attend the wedding of his friend, Harry Culbertson

—*Misses Henderson* and Beatty of Columbus, are visiting Mr and Mrs Dr Denman on West Center street

—Miss Roma Shute returned home Thursday after visiting a week at the home of her uncle, Wm Bain at DeCliff

—Mrs Nannie Hoover of Richwood who was visiting her sister Mrs W G Shute, on north Jefferson street returned home Friday

—Mrs J C Frase, of Tiffin, O and her son C B Frase of Ottumwa Ia, are the guests of Mr and Mrs John Kishler on north East street

—A half interest in the Mirror has been sold to Dr Thatcher, of Denmark Morrow county whose son will take an active part in conducting the business

—Muldoon's Picnic was attended by a fair sized audience considering the severe cold weather Wednesday night and those who did go laughed until their sides were *hurting*

—Superintendents Crouse, of Marion Bury, of LaRue Sharp, of Agosta Stoll, of Green Camp, and Sager of Waldo were all attending the State school examinations in Columbus on Wednesday

—Ice skating has been all the rage this week The waterworks reservoir and the Scioto at Green Camp and Prospect are the popular resorts A large crowd of young people were at Prospect Friday afternoon

—Patsy Kelly moved into the Sheriff's residence Thursday, and will don the official robes of authority next week Patsy has chosen S B Rice as his deputy and all will agree that no better selection could have been made

—Mrs George Reichardt died at her late residence some three miles west of Green Camp O on Sunday evening Dec 25th aged about thirty years Her sickness was of but short duration and death unexpected She was *highly esteemed by those who* knew her

—At the regular annual meeting of the First Missionary Baptist church held on Wednesday evening, J H Ghrist was chosen church clerk and Wm Ringer trustee for one year Steps were taken to purchase a new organ for the church and Sunday school

—Owen Gray Post No 2?4 G A R of LaRue elected the following officers last Wednesday night Post Commander R H Thomson S V, B Ridgeway J V A S Knoble O of D J M Bell Chaplain Geo Wright Surgeon Wm Hines *Quartermaster H H Sharp, O of G* J Bell

—The remarkable evangelist Clements of Wyandot county, spent Saturday and Sunday here On Sunday evening Mr Clements entertained about twenty young men in the Hotel Marion office by an extemperaneous recital of many of his peculiar experiences in his strange ministerial career He has undergone some pretty hard knocks

—Col Sargent, manager of Music Hall was one of the favored ones Christmas At an early hour on that morning the boys at Music Hall—the ushers stage hands and *other attaches—waited upon the Colonel* and with a neat address presented him with a beautiful morocco smoking case containing a fine meerschaum pipe Turkish tobacco, cigars etc Col Jim is highly flattered by this favorable mark of esteem

—M A Nicholson patentee of the celebrated Ventilated Oven stove and organizer of the Marion Stove Co, was in the city Thursday Mr N informs us that the new company anticipates getting at work in earnest in the spring and will build two large buildings 40x100 and 70x150 A location of their works has not been definitely settled but their early building is assured We note that the *trade journals are* speaking very highly of the Nicholson patent and the Marion Stove Co's prospects

—Jackson (Tenn) Dem Blade Judge C H Norris of Marion Ohio is down to spend the holidays with his half brother our distinguished fellow citizen Capt John G Mann The Judge is a fine specimen of the very best Buckeye type physically and mentally and we trust that he will be so pleased with Tennessee that he will do as his worthy brother become one of us * * Capt and Mrs Mann, accompanied by Judge Norris and family left on his private car Tuesday for a few days visit to New Orleans

Dr France's Return

Dr France of Columbus O will make a return trip to Marion on Thursday Jan 5th Consultation at the Kerr House Dr France's specialties include consumption Bright's disease dyspepsia rheumatism and all nervous disorders and diseases of the sexes His skill in diseases of the eye and ear has already been well established In cases of granular lids, sore eyes cataracts and in the various eye operations he has been singularly successful The fact that he includes in his list of patients many of the most prominent citizens in Marion and vicinity *is proof that his treatment has* been successful Dr France is president of the France Medical and Surgical Institute Columbus O It is the only institute in the State incorporated with a capital of $300 000

Married

HUNTSMAN—COLEMAN On the 28th inst by Rev A D Matthews Mr Edgar Huntsman and Miss Cora Coleman

KIGHTLINGER—HOLTZ —By Rev A D Matthews on the 29th inst Mr James H Kightlinger and Miss Florence W Holtz

UNCAPHER—BRINKER —At the residence of Thomas Brinker near Green Camp O on December 25th 1887 by Rev J A Sutton, Byron D Uncapher to Miss Allie Brinker

May prosperity and happiness attend them

C AND A HAPPENINGS

Engineers [illegible] and [illegible] are in the shops for thorough overhauling and general repairs

Probably the best water pump on the road has just been completed at Kenton on the West Division

Rumors are current to the effect that there will be several changes made in the various departments shortly

W[illegible] and [illegible] of Chicago [illegible] signed and Barney McHugh who at one time held this position has been reappointed

Worthy [illegible] Master Marion [illegible] Crane [illegible] Sallet [illegible] Cincinnati were in town several times during the past week

Marion seems to be a lucky place for operators Fred White and J E Curran are *dispatching trains at Huntington and Jack* Wallace formerly in the N Y P and O office is dispatching trains on the Erie R R at Buffalo

The following appointments have been made at stations D J Jones North Judson J A Young Hoovers Wm Brown Alpine F C Tracy Highlands J M Nye Germany [illegible] Messinger Rivare [illegible]

Jimmy [illegible] of the blacksmith shops at Huntington has concluded a series of experiments in hardening iron If it is the process that has been sought after so much by machinists and engineers we predict lots of *money in Mr [illegible]'s pocket if he pat*ents his invention

The boys say that Dave Fredricks received an elegant oil painting from the stores department at Huntington Dave laughs a good deal about the painting, but will not divulge anything Can our contemporary at Huntington enlighten us any

Hose and nozzles have been provided and put in convenient places at the Huntington shops and station buildings to be used in case of fire The C and A was once like the man in the parable who locked the stable door after the horse was gone, but in this case it is going to lock before the thief is around

C and A happenings would be incomplete were there nothing said about Uncle Dave Bissell We have just heard a good story about Isaac and Ike Stickney which owing to limited space we are unable to publish To the curious however we would suggest that they ask Isaac about the sight they saw at Caledonia and the glass [illegible] at [illegible]

We are of the opinion that Dave Fredricks as foreman at this point has the hardest job on the road We cannot perceive that there is any economy in letting engines stand out in the cold all day and night and each one using about $9 00 worth of coal and a corresponding quantity of the different grades of oil We have not had much experience in railroad circles but would suggest that Mr Thomas build the round house as soon as possible

Mr Robt Simonton the General Purchasing Agent at Huntington is well known at every point along the C and A Mr Simonton was one of the projectors of the road and invested a large sum of money in stock and we have no doubt but his judicious management will put his department above the average in economy and good material We understand that Mr *Simonton handles $31 000 worth of material* every month

Very effective work has been done in the mechanical department at Huntington under the supervision of Master Mechanic Rodgers General Foreman Gilmore Machinist Foreman Kellogg and Foreman Boiler Maker Maskey Since the beginning of Mr Rodgers administration six engines have been equipped with the latest improved Westinghouse air brakes Engines which were commonly called scrap heaps are now getting in good shape to stand the wear and tear expected of them this winter An engine cab has been designed by the cap department and is being *used on en*gines as fast as new cabs are required These cabs are handsome models of neatness strength and economy combined All of the above named gentlemen deserve great praise and it is to be hoped the new management will give all the encouragement their endeavors merit

Mr M Shoemaker Vice President Northern National Bank Toledo Ohio having suffered for years with rheumatism and tried all remedies known to the trade says Surprise Liniment is the best remedy he has ever used Try it at druggists

SURPRISE MEDICINE Co Sandusky O

The Week of Prayer

Beginning next Monday the week of prayer will be observed with union meetings twice a day throughout the week excepting Saturday when the evening service will be omitted The following program is offered by the Marion Ministerial Association

MONDAY Jan 2 1888 [illegible] Baptist Church 2 p m —Rev R Cocklin leader subject Thanksgiving 7 p m —Rev I Wallace leader subject How to Promote a Revival

TUESDAY M E Church 2 p m —Rev A J Wiant leader subject Confession 7 p m —Rev M C Miner leader subject *How to reach the non church goers*

WEDNESDAY Reg Baptist Church 2 p m —Rev I Wallace leader subject Families and Schools 7 p m —Rev W F Thomas leader subject Our Young People

THURSDAY Presbyterian Church 2 p m —Rev J F Hensley leader subject The Church Universal 7 p m —Rev A J Wiant leader *subject The Better Ob*servance of the Lord's Day in Marion

FRIDAY U B Church 2 p m —Rev W F Thomas leader subject Missions 7 p m —Rev R Cocklin leader subject The Reflex Influence of Missionary Zeal and Effort

SATURDAY Y[illegible] Ass'n Church 2 p m —Rev M C Miner leader subject Nations and Rulers

A full attendance upon all these meetings is earnestly desired

W F THOMAS
Sec'y M M A

TOLEDO O Oct 1 1887

I have been a great sufferer for years with *neuralgia in my head* I tried Surprise Liniment and found it the only thing that would give me instant relief Am free from neuralgia now and have been for the past two years JOHN S ROWE

HOW WE WERE INITIATED

A Lady's Review of Masonry Giving the Secret Away at the First Chance

DEAR MR EDITOR We can think of no better way to express our deep and heartfelt gratitude to the race of mankind generally and especially to the members and brethren of Marion Lodge F and A M No 70 than through the medium of your most excellent paper

Some way ever since the eventful night of December 27th 1887 we have been in a state bordering on ecstacy—a sort of exuberance of joy a consciousness of having been the *recipient of unusual marks of favor It will* ever stand out in our life's history as the one red letter day The mystery has been solved the vail has been drawn aside, as it were, and we have seen things no mortal (woman) ever dared to see before' (save one) In short we have been initiated! We have been led step by step through the dizzy mazes of the terrible and mysterious rites, feeling all the more the awful solemnity of the occasion as it was the hand of a Christian that led us Oh yes dear brethren (for we feel duly warranted now to call you brethren) we are not insensible to the honor conferred upon us Perhaps Mr Editor, we had better tell you about it

In the first place we are allowed once a year to enter the great hall of mysteries but not until the goat had been chained the skulls out of which they drink to the health of their victims the spears ropes and windlasses with which the candidates are rais*ed to the Third degree and the branding* irons are all tucked safely out of sight Each year we are given this sugar treat' to keep us sweet Judge of our joy when on December 27th the annual event near the close of the program, we were told that at last our dearest dreams were to be realized and we were to be initiated. The exercise was preceded by remarks from many of the brethren, evidently meant to prepare and reassure us for the coming developments As the hour of midnight approached we seemed to feel instinctively that something was going to happen We were of course all duly sworn never to reveal what was about to be divulged but we don't mind telling you Mr Editor, for we know you will never never tell Amidst the most profound stillness save the measured tones of the members of the Lime Kiln club the curtain was slowly withdrawn and with bated breath we gazed on —one of the jolliest specimens of defunct *humanity that ever haunted a graveyard or* danced at a witch's feast it might have been the original ghost that chased Tam O Shanter After giving several new steps of the classic can can dance it nodded approvingly and disappeared So ended the First degree Next followed an exhibition of the banner with the strange device — not excelsior, but greased pole which we were told was the Masonic significance of that beautiful poem Next came a display of their working tools, etc , but the finale degree was to come

We were in a state of expectancy and, to keep us from feeling too much bored you know while the great finale was being prepared many things were explained to us that so many years have been mysteries For instance, why men on coming home from lodge will try to unlock the door with a corn opener why shirts made to fasten as any well regulated shirt ought to, sometimes in a mysterious way during lodge *hours will assume a vice versa attitude* why brown haired sweet hearts frequently found stray hairs of a different hue wound around their lovers collar buttons—this mystery, however, we don't dare give away as its solution is held as the one most sacred by the brotherhood At last we were told to prepare We were by this time prepared for anything and had only time to grip" the arms of our chairs closer when into our presence was ushered one of the most awe inspiring spectacles we ever beheld

Two stately brethren clad in mother hubbard night shirts stalked in leading between them with clanking chains the chief magistrate of the order Sir William Detroit The old patriarch moved with bowed head his beard sweeping the floor We received our introduction facing His Highness (we preferred to) His remarks were brief and of a somewhat 'blatant' nature Marked respect was paid by the members of the order to this ancient brother, each keeping a respectful distance *and soon Sir* William was with great ceremony escorted back to his sanctum to ruminate in unmolested solitude on the tougness of men and moccasins So ended the initiation of the wives sisters and sweethearts of the brotherhood of F and A M Marion Lodge No 70

At the next regular meeting of the order to show an undisguised admiration and appreciation of the honor bestowed on us we shall present ourselves in a body at the door of the outer court, and shall expect to assist in all future workings of the order and in due time become as expert in inflicting the great boon of initiation on others as the members of lodge No 70 who so signally overwhelmed us at the annual banquet on Dec 27 We repeat—we will be present at all your regular meetings but from another annual installation and banquet good Lord deliver us

ONE OF THE INITIATED

Living Witnesses!

Ask any one who has used Dr Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets as to their merits They will tell you that pimples blotches and eruptions disappear that constipation—that breeder of disorders—is relieved, that the appetite is restored, that the whole system is renovated and regulated beyond any conception by these little wonder workers Being purely vegetable, they are perfectly harmless being composed of concentrated active ingredients they are powerful! Purge and purify the system and disease will be unknown Of all druggists

Card of Thanks

TO STAR —By your kindness we wish space in which to return our sincere thanks to the many good people of Green Camp and surrounding community for the generous way in which they remembered us on the Christmas tree on the *evening of De*cember 24th giving us presents amounting in all to some $25 May God bless them everyone is the desire of

J A SUTTON AND FAMILY

CAME NEAR DROWNING

The Amusing but Perilous Experience of Two Polish Jews Aboard a C and A Passenger Train

Passenger Conductor C J McCullough of the popular C and A force was sitting at the Hotel Marion on Monday *evening* awaiting the supper hour when the STAR engaged him in conversation on the subject of railroad accident

I have been very very lucky said Mac, for I have never had a wheel off the track in all my experience and I never had the least trouble with my passengers except a rather amusing experience last Tuesday night

What was that queried the STAR

Well last Tuesday night coming out of Chicago on train No 1 I had nine Polish Jews aboard, who were bound for Russia via New York They were a rather an obnoxious lot and were well supplied with whisky both internally and in bottles Of course they had second class tickets and I placed them in the smoking car Some of them sneaked out of there however but I saw it was no use to bother with them until I had unloaded my suburban passengers and I did not pay any attention to them till we passed Hammond When the train *stopped* on the trestle east of Hammond for water I gave them positive orders to get into the smoking car They were just drunk enough to be very obstinate and they swore they would get off the train first and before I could catch them two rushed out the door and jumped off Well, the train was stand*ing on the trestle over the river fifteen feet* above the water which is ten feet deep and these two obstinate ones simply jumped from the steps to what they supposed was the ground but instead they went headlong into the river It was so dark we could not see them but they kept their heads out of the water with the aid offered by the thin crust of ice and yelled fearfully The entire lot of passengers soon knew what was up and I tell you the hysterical women and the howling companions of the unfortunate Jews made the scene anything but enjoyable One drew a dangerous looking knife on my brakeman but he was soon settled and we got the bell cord out and fished the ducked Jews out after the manner of the French catching frogs They were perfectly sober when landed in the car, you can bet and you won't imagine for a minute that they gave me any more trouble

A BIG ISLAND DISTURBANCE

Promise of a Riot Among the Drunken Attendants of the Luvist Sale Mostly Wind

Various rumors were afloat Wednesday night regarding a riot at Big Island The STAR set about to find the facts in the case but the people who are posted would not melt easy in the warmth of an interview and particulars are still a little vague

It seems that Wednesday was the day of the administrator's sale of the personal property of the late Dan'l Luvist and the circumstances of cold weather and saloon attachment to the store in which the sale was made tended to make whisky traffic brisk and the consequent results of too much bad whisky followed as usual A half dozen or more belligerent individuals became overloaded and at once troublesome Quarrels ensued, fist fights began and revolvers and knives were flashed

The administrator became alarmed and fired the whole crowd from his store and dispatched a boy to Marion Marshal Buenneke and Dave Hummer responded and these two commanding minions of the law were soon at the scene of threatened bloodshed Of course the Marshal's authority was a little curtailed so far beyond the corporation line but the effect of his presence was to quell all warlike tendencies and the sale was resumed

In the meantime Constable Brady had exerted his official authority and had gathered up enough revolvers to start a second hand gun shop and sudden deaths were not so promising The only damage done that was reported is that to a young fellow who was jumping a fence and alighting on that part of his anatomy where his revolver is carried the weapon discharged and frightened him out of a year's growth

LEAP YEAR CALLS

The Gentlemen Will Receive the Ladies on Monday Next The 1st

The society gentlemen of this city have decided upon receiving the New Years calls of their lady friends as a proper welcome of the leap year 1888 The arrangements so far as completed are to keep 'open house' from 3 to 7 o'clock at the following

At C B King's on east South street the host will be assisted by Messrs F K Uhler M A Turney and C I Martin

At F H B Beal's on Mill street there will be Dr Adams F M Beal F S Duff Chas F Schell Dr Uhler A H Kling J L Phillips and J S Beal

At J C Johnston's on east Center street Homer Johnston will be assisted by C H Uhler F E Powers C R Alsop and A J Dombaugh

At the Elks club in the Elks block Brothers F A Dombaugh H P Young Henry Strelitz W S Frash F F Dombaugh F H Tristram C R McCollough and others will be at home

At Dr E B Fisher's on West street the Doctor will exchange New Years greetings with the ladies unassisted

Real Estate Transfers

George S Wood to James M Wood 90 acres in Big Island tp $1500

H Irm to F J Apt ½ acre in Marion corp $300

Maria Bucher to John Mason ¼ acre in Marion corp $300

Joseph A Wortman to Jeremiah Spacer quit claim on 10 acres in Bowling Green $237

B K Harbster and G W Cockle Baughman and wife lot 17 in Gast's add to Prospect $500

C J Mayer to Frank Mayer lot 5[illegible] in Marion $250

F B Durfee to Stephen Williams lot 71[illegible] in Marion, $775

John Bechtle and wife to Fred Bechtle, lot 302 in Marion $3200

Isaac Conckling to Emma C Covert lot 129 in Marion $3500

Yes, They Have

Lots of that nice Massillon coal at Prendergasts.

CULBERTSON-McWILLIAMS

The Marriage of Two of Marion's Most Estimable Young People A Delightful Affair

[illegible] where everything and [illegible] consummately was again the scene of a brilliant wedding Thursday night this time at the home of Mr and Mrs Davidson McWilliams It is hardly necessary to say that the contracting parties were Harry W Culbertson the well known and popular ticket agent of the C H V and T Ry and Miss Rose Mae McWilliams one of Marion's brightest and *most accomplished young ladies*

More than an hundred guests were assembled at eight o'clock when the bridal party with Misses Turney and Strelitz and Messrs Dud Culbertson and Tom Hodder as attendants appeared in the second parlor and a very impressive ceremony was performed by Rev Wallace Divine blessings upon the union were invoked by Rev Thomas and then Mr and Mrs Culbertson were introduced to their friends Congratulations as hearty as they were cheerful followed and then the wedding feast

It was no small matter to seat and serve so large a number of guests but it was accomplished quickly and a delicious supper it was too Under conducive influences of the supper table conviviality asserted itself and reigned for the rest of the evening The host and hostess had bidden all so generous a welcome that none could help feeling at home and the wedding was generally conceded to be truly an enjoyable affair

The presence of the bride's classmates brought to mind her graduating essay, and the criticisms thereon by the Cleveland Press It will be remembered that the good natured newspaper was made to retract by sampling bread and cake made by Mae's own hands and the correction pub*lished is a standing recommendation of her* accomplishments

The friends of the bride and groom presented them with a most elegant array of presents that represent a monument of good wishes for their happiness and prosperity Many came from friends abroad who could not attend duly accompanied by their regrets

Mr and Mrs Culbertson took no wedding tour postponing that unnecessary part of the usual custom until some future date

Probate Court

Emmet G Brown and Alice K Boyd licensed to marry

LeRoy Hill and Annie McGrath licensed to marry

S S Smith adm'r of the estate of John Smith filed fourth account

Jno Bland guardian of Willie J Grubbs filed first account

A J Johnston executor of the estate of Joshua Mitten filed second account

Wm Mehaffy guardian of John I Lucas, filed petition to sell real estate Notice issued to notify ward

Anthony Ritzler, guardian of Adam J Ritzler filed second account

Isaac Merchant guardian of James Bowen an imbecile filed application for an order to sell real estate Notice issued to notify ward

Edgar Huntsman and Cora Coleman licensed to marry

John F Mather and Lena Luttmner licensed to marry

James H Kitlinger and Florence W Holtz licensed to marry

Wm White and Anna Miller licensed to marry

Byron D Uncapher and Allie Porter licensed to marry

W J Parker guardian of the heirs of Geo Seibert dec'd filed final account

David Kelly adm'r of the estate of Anthony Ulbarty, dec'd, filed second account

John Patterson guardian of C W Patterson filed second account

August Stark executor of the will of Wm Kramer filed inventory and appraisement

Jacob F Martin adm'r of the estate of Frederick Sippel, dec'd filed inventory and appraisement

A C Johnston executor of the estate of Joshua Mitten, dec'd filed report of sale of real estate Sale confirmed and deed ordered

John J Smith, adm'r of the estate of Josiah Boyer filed petition to sell real estate

Motion filed to remove P C Sells as guardian of Elizabeth Ann Lunis

Roso Akfa executrix of the estate of Jacob Akfa, filed first and final account

Zenis F Miggs guardian of the estate of Cora L Fairchild filed second account

Amanda M Shaffer adm'x of the estate of Barney Shaffer filed inventory and appraisement

Margaret King guardian of Wesley and Chas B King filed first account

John Hanley and Sam'l Croft, adm'rs of the estate of Andrew Seckle, filed report of sale of real estate

Green Camp

Christmas is past and the little ones are happy for Santa Claus proved their friend if two well loaded Christmas trees are evidence The old soldiers were also made happy by drawing their rations from the trees

The social party held at the residence of Isaac Wynn was a very pleasant affair

Mrs James Maddox of Wyandot county, visited at Andrew Uncapher's and with other relatives here last week

Miss Louisa Griffith is visiting at Isaac Wynn's

Mrs J C Davis is spending the holidays at Mansfield the guest of her daughter

Our schools closed last Friday for a vacation of one week The schools are in good working order and considering that Profs Poland and Stoll do not receive from the board of education the support they should —no school furniture apparatuses the crowded rooms etc we think the progress *of the schools is marvelous and it is all due* to the faithfulness of the above two gentlemen

The band will give a dramatic and musical entertainment in a few weeks

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SANDUSKY O Nov 27 1885

*I have used Surprise Liniment for rheum*atism and testify it is the very best remedy I have ever tried My wife used it for sore throat and found speedy relief

EDWARD COFFEY Coal Dealer

Clifton Station

The Agosta normal school is a thing of the past

N A Lucas was initiated into the Masonic lodge at LaRue recently

Mrs E K Cory of Montpelier Ind is spending the holidays with her son, Chris *S Cory*

D H Clifton and N A Lucas attended the revival meeting at Mt Olive church on Tuesday night

Revivals are in progress at the Chapel Montgomery and Mt Olive churches Revs Drown, McClure and Parlette officiating

The Mayor and City Dads of Agosta have had a skirmish—Marquis of Queensbury rules We understand His Honor was declared winner

The B & I railway has made Wm Bain a proposition of payment for his team killed at Mt Victory which was rejected Mr Bain wants the full appraisement $300 and the amount is small enough

C C Mattix has contracted with Jacob Harshberger of Marion to handle the Wood binder for him next year Mr Mattix will move to Marion soon and Mr Harshberger and the people there will find him a gentleman in every sense of the word and we heartily commend him to all

Mr and Mrs *Wm Bain entertained quite* a number of immediate relatives Christmas It was a social family gathering and a very pleasant time was enjoyed by all Those from a distance whom we noticed present with their families were Wm Shute and Wm Marens of Marion, Adam Hoover, of Richwood and Simon Scutcher, of Mt Victory

The Agosta Normal school has closed its doors for good The institution has been a failure from the start in the way of students and consequently did not pay expenses It was organized and started through spite brought about by the rejection of Prof Robinson as principal of the Union school by the school board two years ago The supporters of Robinson and the Normal scheme no doubt see their mistake now regret their dictativeness to those in authority to choose whoever they see fit to teach the schools The Normal has been a loss and a lesson to them In justice to Mr Bruce, the late *principal* we *wish to* say that no blame whatever can be attached to him for its failure By the way as Clifton needs a school house we suggest that the Township trustees buy the Normal building and move it here We will stock it with forty scholars right away

Our little village not being blessed with *a church or hall* the people were at a loss to know when or how they would put up a Christmas tree However Postmaster Mohr came to the rescue and tendered his private residence which was accepted Mrs Mohr and her sisters Misses Lillie and Rosa Miller had its arrangement and management in hand and it was a decided success for which Mrs Mohr and the two young ladies deserve especial credit The tree was planted in the kitchen and completely loaded down with presents for the little ones and not a single little boy or girl did old Santa Claus forget in town and a number of the older ones received tokens of his goodness too The little folks gave an entertainment in the way of short speeches and recitations which were well rendered and highly appreciated It certainly was a very enjoyable Christmas eve, and everybody present was happy

December 28 87 JOE SPIKES

Owen

It has been some time since items have appeared in the STAR from Owen and *thinking, that a few would be of interest to* its readers I EMO will once more make an effort, though we are under difficulties

A few days since we had the pleasure of visiting the scene of our old residence and shaking hands with many acquaintances

We called on B F Shurz at his place of business and found him busily engaged in arranging his beautiful stock of holiday goods but never too busy to entertain

H F Sparks the present operator was found soberly engaged in playing checkers with John Owens

Noah Gast and John Priester were behind the counters of John D Owens extensive store, working hard on account of the illness of John D who was confined to his bed for a few days since which we learn that he has recovered sufficiently to again be at his work

Miss Mamie Collins has been on the sick list but she is now much better

Mr Hoover had the good fortune recently *to secure a pension He received $685 back* pay and gets $15 per month from April 1st He purchased a piece of land on the Prospect pike west of town and is at present building a house thereon

We learn that our friend Isaac Straight is soon to take unto himself a wife He has our best wishes

Mrs Wm Collins and daughters Lulu and Clara, were in Marion on Friday

Frank Smeltzer and John Hill have gone to Spencerville, O, where they will visit for some time, after which they will resume their journey westward

John Walter was in Marion on Saturday

John Owens spent Christmas with his son in law John Evans in Marion

Mrs Grant Falever, of Marion is spending the holidays at the home of her husband's parents Mr and Mrs Jas Falever

A happy New Year to all

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Agosta

Mrs Martha Ward fell a victim to consumption as was expected throughout her illness Her funeral was conducted at the M E Church by Rev Drown

Rev Turner of the F W Baptist church is holding a protracted meeting at the Ground Hog church south of here with good success Rev Drown is also conducting a protracted effort at Mt Ollive

Christmas passed very quietly here The Christmas tree at the M E church proved to be a great attraction

Washington Liggett Post No 1[illegible]6 G A R held its regular election of officers Dec 23 resulting as follows C W Beathard, Com W F Hill S V C A J Ducatt J V C Lewis Huling, Chap, D I Plesher O D S I Cooper Surgeon D J Brady Sergeant Adjutant W C Longnet says the installation will occur Friday Jan 13 1888

Chas Hunter is visiting in Hardin Co this week

The members of the municipal government corps have been at *loggerheads for* some time owing to existing prejudice It is hoped all difficulties will become adjusted

Ben Severn made a flying business trip to Mansfield Monday J

ROGER LAROQUE.

Adapted and Translated from the French of Jules Mary

BY OLIVE HARPER.

CHAPTER XIII

"Raymond," said Suzanne, in a feeble tremulous voice, "you have frightened me. I will tell you something which you have a right to know. I love you; have loved you from the first. I am not ashamed to say it. I even think I love you truer than you do me." This was said in a deep low voice, and with a profound gravity, and no mute permission was given to Raymond to do as he wished—seize those two little hands and cover them with kisses. Suzanne seemed to gather her strength for one last effort.

"Raymond, we must see each other no more."

"But I have more to say. Raymond, be courageous. Alas! we must see each other no more. All this pleasant dream must now be broken, and you must cease to think of me."

"I do not understand"——

"You will never understand. How gladly I would have spared you this. I tried, Raymond, even though it seemed my own heart would break. I did not want you to love me nor to love you, for I knew what the end must be."

"But what obstacle?"

"I cannot tell you."

"Is it fortune? I know I am poor, but we are young, and I feel sure that I shall succeed in my profession. Indeed I am doing well now for a young man."

"It is not that. This is an insurmountable obstacle, and one not of my creation nor yours. We must bear it as best we may, having for our only consolation our mutual love. And, Raymond, I think it better that we part now, and forever."

"Is not this something which you have imagined graver than it is? Is it your father's opposition that you fear?"

"No."

"But, Suzanne, I love you!" continued he with all the sublime egotism of a lover who considers that one fact to entitle him to everything he wants and to excuse him for all his follies.

"That is what I feared, what I wished to avoid, for it is a great misfortune. Renounce me, renounce all hope."

"Is there anything against my family? What is it?"

"Hush, Raymond. I should be proud to bear your name, but it is utterly impossible. I shall never marry, neither you nor another. This obstacle has existed always and will as long as I live."

The two young lovers talked yet a long time, but always with the same conclusion, and Raymond was obliged to accede to the firm resolution of Suzanne.

When he walked home his head bowed upon his breast and his heart in a mingled tumult of joy and despair, his mother watched him attentively, and at last decided that she would go alone and ask of M. Forney that he consent to receive Raymond as suitor for the hand of Suzanne.

She loved Raymond so tenderly that she could not bear to see his visible suffering. When she asked Pierre the following day to harness the pony phaeton for her, as she wished to drive out alone, he said:

"Mother, I have wished for some time to speak to you, and if you can spare a few moments I will say what I wish now. You are going out to drive. Will you not go as far as the White House and ask M. Forney's permission for me to address his daughter? Of course you could not have known anything of my heart, as I could not gather courage enough before to speak of it, but I feel as if life will hold little charm for me if I cannot win Miss Forney for my wife."

Julia sat as if petrified. She had known before that Pierre admired Suzanne, though for awhile she forgot, but now, while her favorite son's fate hung in the balance, she could not think of his pain. Besides, she thought that the extreme quietness of this avowal betokened a lack of feeling, and that Raymond loved more profoundly and would suffer more therefore. She took Raymond's part in her mind.

"I will do as you wish, my son," said she, "but be prepared for a disappointment. I have some reason to think Suzanne's heart is engaged elsewhere."

"The man who becomes her husband will have reason to be thankful for so great a blessing," said Pierre, growing white to the very lips and turning away. [illegible] imagine that Raymond loved her.

Suzanne was sitting in her room when Mme. De Nouville drove up, and she felt a premonition of what was coming. Julia asked only to see M. Forney, and Roger went down to the reception room obedient to her request. His heart beat high with unpleasant emotions which he always felt in her presence, but he had schooled himself to bear it in the pursuit of his purpose.

"I have not come to make a simple visit," said she, "but to ask a great favor of you, one so great that my heart fails me before I ask."

"Speak, madame," said Roger.

"My son Raymond loves your daughter with all his heart, and I have come from him to beg your consent to his paying his addresses to Mlle. Forney, if you have not made previous arrangements with another."

At the first words Roger rose [illegible] breathless. At last he said hoarsely:

"Impossible! Impossible!"

"Sir," continued Julia, "[illegible] has talent and honor. His father was one of the best lawyers in France [illegible] inherits his ability. [illegible] his father, M. [illegible] De Nouville."

"I think I have heard his name," said Roger painfully. "There was something, I think, in the papers about—some trouble, something unpleasant."——

"You have heard that the [illegible]," said Julia in a constrained voice.

"Did he not die in the midst of an address to the jury in the interest of a friend accused of robbery, I think, followed by assassination—a friend and brother in arms, whom

[illegible] a year or [illegible] from the [illegible]

[illegible] are some [illegible] painful [illegible]

[illegible] so you [illegible]

"He must [illegible] view all the [illegible] honor [illegible] toward [illegible] Lucien [illegible] Julia [illegible] before [illegible] in her [illegible] treasure [illegible] the keeping of [illegible] his own grief [illegible] brightness [illegible] the home [illegible] and his nerve [illegible] before Julia [illegible] martyr.

"It shall be as my daughter desires." And then he sent a servant to bring Suzanne to him.

Suzanne [illegible] reason for which I have called you."

"I am sure I cannot," answered she, trying to smile unconcernedly.

"Consult your heart, my child, [illegible] anything [illegible]."

[illegible] your love.

She knew now, and felt that the [illegible] she had fondly supposed [illegible]. And then she said:

"I do not quite seize your meaning, but I have no secrets from you, and I want nothing that you cannot give me."

"Suzanne, Mme. De Nouville has come here today to ask my consent to your marriage with her son Raymond. I have told her that it should be for you to decide. What is your answer?"

"I have told you often, father, that I do not wish to marry. I have not changed my mind."

"I shall not always be with you, my child. I may die, and you will be left alone without protection or friends."

"I have told you, father, I never wish to marry."

"Tell me, my dear child, do you love any one else? Be perfectly frank with me. If there is another whom you love in your heart, tell your father, my dear."

"Oh, father, that is most unkind. I never loved any one as well as I do you, and I never shall. Please say no more about it, for I shall never change."

There was such an accent of determination in this that Roger's thoughts flew back instantly to the time when this child had maintained in the face of everything that she knew nothing, saw nothing, and he gave up the attempt to alter her decision.

"This is strange," said her father.

Mme. De Nouville desperate, thought of Raymond. "Is this your last word? Have you no pity even for him, for his mother, whose happiness is bound up in his?"

"I am truly sorry," said Suzanne, "but I cannot change my resolution, which has been taken long since."

Julia returned home with her heart in a tumult. She had failed. Pierre took her melancholy air as the death blow to his hopes, and only asked himself:

"Well?"

"She loves another."

No one saw him again that night. Raymond didn't know what had taken place for several days after.

After Julia had gone Roger [illegible] himself: "Who can tell what is in a young girl's heart?" and he was vaguely uneasy for two reasons. One was he feared she had loved some one in America and, hiding that love in her heart, would suffer in silence all her life [illegible] the quiet persistence of her [illegible] and the other thought was that she might not have forgotten that awful time, and that she felt that all doors to happiness were closed to her forever. But how to discover? He dared not break the silence.

[illegible] tenderly and [illegible] perhaps she would tell him, but [illegible] answer was always the same. She [illegible] she was determined [illegible]

Almost out of patience with her, he at last said [illegible] "Keep your secret. [illegible] will speak no more of marriage [illegible]

The [illegible] of the two families [illegible] for a few days without any incident [illegible] and daughter [illegible] was [illegible] they [illegible] there was no allusion [illegible] Mme. de Nouville [illegible]

[illegible] father [illegible]

[illegible] I have [illegible] Suzanne, on my honor [illegible] I saw her eyes as she leaned against the wall.

[illegible] Roger [illegible] Raymond [illegible] are [illegible] sensibly [illegible]

"Alas [illegible] My father [illegible] and [illegible] these years in America. He thinks [illegible] to return to [illegible]

[illegible] Roger [illegible] I believe my father [illegible] you [illegible] was unjust [illegible] clear [illegible] Suzanne, do you [illegible]

"Ah, Raymond, [illegible] are good to wish [illegible] for me there exists no [illegible] right in the [illegible] My mother and [illegible] My father was the assassin [illegible]

CHAPTER [illegible]

The two poor children stood side by side [illegible] sorrow [illegible] though it [illegible] It is fearful [illegible] truly [illegible] with a deep and [illegible]

[illegible] this young girl had [illegible] deep [illegible] which filled his [illegible] the suffering this young girl had [illegible] borne.

"Now [illegible] I know all [illegible]

[illegible] A thousand times [illegible] what [illegible] for you [illegible] I have [illegible] myself alone to suffer [illegible]

[illegible] out into the forest [illegible]

[illegible] had stood with [illegible]

[illegible] felt [illegible] Suzanne [illegible] son [illegible] hour before [illegible]

[illegible] father [illegible] So the unhappy [illegible] I have not [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] "But it [illegible] is to you [illegible] the poor [illegible] I cannot [illegible] your [illegible] the judge. What had [illegible] to prove [illegible] my child I am innocent of that [illegible] Suzanne. Do you [illegible]

"Oh [illegible] I [illegible]

"In the [illegible] and I saw you!"——

[illegible] Yes, we [illegible] We saw [illegible] the street [illegible] We called you, but you [illegible] Then you went into the house. There was a man there counting money [illegible] struggle [illegible] pistol shot and darkness.

[illegible] hands before her [illegible]

[illegible] knew me!

[illegible] That is why [illegible]

"But [illegible] you might have been mistaken."

"I was young, it is true, father, but I have been [illegible] If I have appeared gay it was to [illegible] you happy. But mother [illegible] mistaken too [illegible]

[illegible] De Nouville [illegible] Sister Suzanne [illegible] though I am [illegible] through all my future [illegible] will be an [illegible] punishment [illegible] to those I have [illegible] all this [illegible] that trial?

[illegible] was [illegible] more than a [illegible] I will [illegible]

[illegible] died [illegible]

[illegible] Rangued? [illegible] "Lucien [illegible] revered [illegible] sacred."

During [illegible] Roger [illegible] and never [illegible] couple so happy for [illegible] shadows between [illegible] the subject [illegible] Raymond [illegible] Suzanne, but as she [illegible] could not see [illegible] he could bear [illegible] He must see her [illegible] nothing to say to her [illegible] might lift the dark [illegible] over their young lives.

There were no more barriers between them.

Suzanne [illegible] to believe that [illegible] had come [illegible] expected him, and her father had gone to Paris on some business [illegible] went out into the [illegible] where she saw him coming toward her [illegible] fifty [illegible] could [illegible] with her joy and [illegible] to meet him with such a joyous face and light step that Raymond exclaimed:

"Suzanne, my Suzanne! What is it? In the name of heaven speak!"

"Oh, Raymond, come quick. I will tell you all, and I have so much to say. Come into the house. I dare not tell you here. It is about [illegible]"

All [illegible] they were in the house and the door to the reception room closed [illegible] to tell him all. [illegible] Laroque had [illegible] Raymond could not [illegible] in any way interested [illegible] He could not associate her [illegible] and yet his thought [illegible] He said:

"Did you [illegible] know my mother?"

"I [illegible] know her, but of course [illegible] recognized. I remember [illegible] strangely about going [illegible] my accident."

"It is so!" continued Raymond scarcely [illegible] what he said. So he continued, "it was a woman who lost his honor in her [illegible] and yet said no word [illegible] Who could she be to have [illegible]

"Consider, Raymond, perhaps she had [illegible] think of the dishonor she would [illegible]

[illegible] not do without betraying [illegible] which he came near losing [illegible] I will never tell that [illegible]

Laroque said [illegible] My father had reason [illegible] and esteem him still more for [illegible]

Raymond became silent and pensive again [illegible]

"Suzanne, [illegible] since your father is innocent [illegible] someone else guilty. Now to [illegible] men seen by you and your poor [illegible] That man whom your father is [illegible] I also [illegible] that woman had something [illegible] crime. I think [illegible] man [illegible]

Raymond said Suzanne [illegible] what [illegible] I shall [illegible] You [illegible] happy, and now I say [illegible] for I feel [illegible] that [illegible] not far off when you will be my wife."

"May [illegible] said Suzanne devoutly.

"[illegible] dear Suzanne, [illegible] for I will not return [illegible] Have courage [illegible] but he could not [illegible] and he died for grief because of it. There where the father failed [illegible] One would [illegible] friend [illegible] for love, and I too will [illegible] as he did." And so saying [illegible] dark eyes blazing with excitement, he kissed the two little hands and went [illegible] to begin his labor of love, which was thus to bring such bitter fruit.

[To be continued.]

[illegible] Observant Youngster

A [illegible] is unusually [illegible] The other day his [illegible] the little fellow had [illegible] acuteness.

[illegible] your eagle eye, Harold. [illegible] replied the [illegible] Tribune.

A Translation Was Needed

A [illegible] bent over her fair face he [illegible] "Darling, if I should ask you [illegible] I might kiss you, what would you [illegible]

She [illegible] up her scanty knowledge of French [illegible] —Lynchburg Vir [illegible]

A Bit [illegible] With a Christian Duty

John [illegible] Mott street Sunday school [illegible] what cleanliness is [illegible] John [illegible] it means Melican [illegible] —New York Sun.

Viewed Anatomically

A little [illegible] girl was given a peach [illegible] everything but the one and [illegible] known her predicament thus [illegible] eaten the cloth and I've eaten [illegible] what shall I do with the [illegible] New York [illegible]

A [illegible] Circumstance

[illegible] that [illegible] in the next [illegible]

[illegible] I want to be [illegible] had better go and see [illegible] New York Sun.

Had Lost Him

[illegible] Mr Howell, the [illegible]

[illegible] that is he [illegible] if we had some [illegible] —Omaha World.

[illegible] YEAR'S EVE

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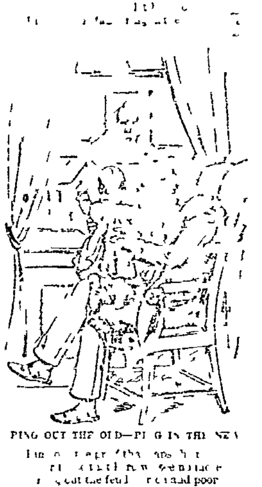


RING OUT THE OLD—RING IN THE NEW

Ring [illegible] ring in the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] and poor
[illegible] redress to all mankind [illegible]

* * * * *

Ring [illegible] and [illegible]
Ring in the larger heart, the kindlier hand;
Ring out the darkness of the land,
Ring in the [illegible] that is to be.
Alfred Tennyson.

EGBERT'S NEW YEARS.

BY OLIVE HARPER.

This day [illegible] had been down to the very end of [illegible] to the little house that stood by [illegible] liberal [illegible] with childish [illegible] voices. A [illegible] pretty [illegible] the [illegible] and the [illegible] she patted his cheek and then [illegible] three times [illegible]

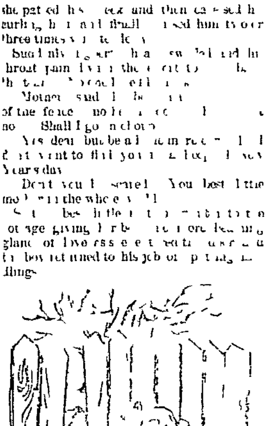
Suddenly [illegible] throat [illegible]

"Mother," said [illegible] of the fence [illegible] Shall I go and [illegible]

"Yes, dear, but be a [illegible] to [illegible] New Year's day."

"Don't you [illegible] You [illegible] the whole [illegible]

[illegible] glance of loveliness [illegible] boy returned to his job [illegible] things.



NO ONE CAN [illegible] HIM LIKE THAT

Egbert [illegible] and then went [illegible] the [illegible] grandfather [illegible]

[illegible] to love him [illegible] on that he [illegible]

[illegible] father [illegible] but why had he no mother?

Where [illegible] she or had he never had one.

His father gave him everything that money could buy or afford, but he [illegible] never heard the [illegible] himself, but now [illegible] felt that he had needed a mother [illegible] and he had never had one.

[illegible]

Did everybody have mothers, or only the poor? [illegible] that these people were poorer than [illegible] remembered that sweet comforting smile, and that tender [illegible] he felt [illegible] and defrauded.

"I will have a mother [illegible]," said he, "even if I have to live in [illegible] and wear old clothes, and have no [illegible] things like that [illegible]"

Egbert Fallon would be 10 years old on New Year day, and [illegible] unknown [illegible] in a suburb of New York and [illegible] intrusion.

[illegible] when he rode [illegible] their excursions [illegible] did Mr [illegible]

[illegible]

He [illegible] turned [illegible] and [illegible]

at the very bottom of the trunk he found a [illegible] of papers.

[illegible] was a letter sealed and addressed [illegible] picture painted on [illegible] woman who somehow [illegible] to him, but he knew he had [illegible] yet he loved her, and he put [illegible] pocket and took up the [illegible] down stairs.

[illegible] he was about or [illegible] his little brain [illegible] was full.

[illegible] and found his father [illegible] with the nurse, who seemed to [illegible] under her apron.

Egbert smiled a little contemptuously as [illegible] that it had something to [illegible] some new gift.

[illegible] were you thinking of [illegible] tomorrow?

[illegible] is New Years, and your [illegible] there anything you would like to [illegible]

[illegible] grew red.

[illegible] I don't [illegible] as I could, but if I could [illegible] I should like to have a mother.

[illegible] father's heart, [illegible] more pale than did Mr. Fallon [illegible] stammered out that [illegible]

[illegible] as he staggered forward [illegible] across the table [illegible] while he trembled in [illegible]

Egbert came close to his father wondering, but he could not understand this sudden [illegible] of emotion, and he laid the portfolio down [illegible] table with the picture, and [illegible] his father seemed so [illegible] his hand [illegible] to [illegible] his father's hair as he had [illegible] woman do.

This [illegible] Mr. Fallon's mind [illegible] and he slowly [illegible] his face [illegible] and then drew the boy to [illegible] unusual demonstration for [illegible]

"[illegible] ask that question, Egbert? Who has been talking to you?"

"No one, father, only I saw that poor child [illegible] and today I somehow [illegible] a mother of my very own. I should [illegible] contented and happy, and I [illegible] too that I [illegible] and I thought [illegible] I could get me one, perhaps instead of any [illegible] I am tired of all kinds of toys, and when I saw the boys [illegible] love him so tenderly I made up my mind to ask you. I should love you just the same, Father, [illegible] no mother, or don't rich people have them?"

"My boy, I [illegible] tried to keep this sorrow [illegible] place that [illegible] but it is useless. [illegible] You had a mother once [illegible] now. You can never [illegible]

"But [illegible] she, father? Is she dead?"

[illegible]

[illegible] Now my boy [illegible] You [illegible] of her again [illegible] no more about [illegible] as you can with me. Am I not [illegible] to you?"

"Oh [illegible]," said the boy, trying [illegible] the tears [illegible] then [illegible] up to [illegible] to bed to think and [illegible] to understand [illegible] first sorrow and first [illegible] young life.

[illegible] emotion.

[illegible] whom he had surrounded with [illegible] who had all that [illegible] found that [illegible] nature cried out [illegible] mother [illegible] even knowing what it [illegible]

[illegible] unworthy, sinful [illegible] that did she care [illegible] the little [illegible] a mother's tender [illegible]

[illegible] through [illegible] his breast [illegible]

[illegible] young bride to his heart and her [illegible] and love deep and [illegible] short years she had proved [illegible] his name.

[illegible] born lay upon the [illegible] she was a guilty wretch and [illegible] discover all the wrong, and had [illegible] to him she dared deny it and [illegible] the deceit.

[illegible] had driven her forth torn from her false arms the pretty baby, and she had gone out of his home and life forever, leaving the blight of her sin upon them both.

Then he had made a recluse of himself for the sake of his child, and had tried to so fill this little heart that it should never need another love, and yet that little heart missed [illegible] he well he would [illegible] now [illegible] Perhaps it was best that he learn it now, while too young to understand.

The sweet innocent face the [illegible] had! How could guilt have lodged in that heart?

How could she have so tricked husband, child, good name [illegible]?

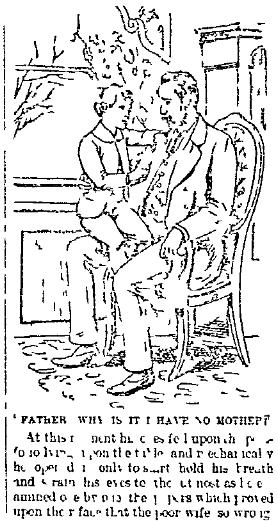
Yet she did. The proofs were too strong for doubt.

Those letters, their touch withered his heart and life at once, eight years ago, when Amy was driven forth a wanderer and an outcast, weeping and declaring her innocence to the last, in spite of the proofs in his possession.

Then she had taken her shattered life home to her parents, and they had sheltered her.

They believed in her innocence. Well, she was their child and they ought to believe her.

"Oh Amy, Amy, I loved you so," he murmured. "I could love you now, God help me! I believe I do yet, in spite of all, and I forgive you, for you were so young."



"FATHER, WHY IS IT I HAVE NO MOTHER?"

At this moment his eyes fell upon the portfolio lying upon the table, and mechanically he opened it, only to start, hold his breath and strain his eyes to the utmost as he examined one by one the papers which proved upon their face that the poor wife so wrongfully accused had been driven away, the innocent victim of his cousin.

It did not need the letter which she had written on her dying bed to him confessing her crime and begging forgiveness, to prove that Amy was as pure as an angel, and now he sprang to his feet with new life in his veins, new hope in his heart, new light in his eyes.

For six long years that letter and the portfolio with the rough copies of the false letters which had condemned an innocent woman had lain almost under his hand, and he had [illegible] known it.

When [illegible] died her little trunk had been sent to him, but he never looked beyond the top, and he never knew that her hopeless love for him had been the motive for the crime.

He closed the portfolio, saying:

"She is dead now. I will forgive her when Amy forgives [illegible]"

And as [illegible] the boy, the picture lay exposed. He [illegible] it, and through blinding tears he kissed the face of his poor wife, and then he rose with a new energy, saying:

"I will start this hour, and if they will let me see her I will pray her forgiveness on my knees. My poor persecuted wife."

MOTHER AND CHILD WERE IN EACH OTHER'S ARMS.

A soft rustle of garments, a breath of perfume sweet as a clover field, then a low, tender voice whispered:

"Clarence, she has long ago forgiven you and has loved you always."

"Amy, oh my wife."

After awhile, when they could talk, Amy told him that her longing to behold her child had been so great that she had stolen there like a thief and had managed to gain entrance, and then she had hidden behind the curtain as her husband came in, and so had been a silent spectator of all.

Morning dawned and Egbert dressed and went downstairs feeling as if some thing unusual was about to happen.

The remembrance of the conversation with his father weighed upon his young heart and checked the curiosity as to his expected presents.

The door opened and his father came in leading the lady of the portrait. One look at that face was enough, and mother and child were in each other's arms.

The little heart had nothing left to long for; he had his mother, and yet two pearl tears swam in his eyes and his lips quivered, but it was with pure joy.

GIVING NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

The giving of New Year's gifts is a custom that has long been practically obsolete, but in the olden days gift giving on New Year was as strictly observed as on Christmas. Like many of the Christmas customs it was derived from the Romans, among whom at one time the day possessed the proud distinction of being the [illegible] on which gifts could be legally demanded.

Among common New Year's gifts in the early days of England's history were oranges stuck with cloves—oranges and cloves were great rarities then—gloves and pins to the ladies, etc. The common gift from a tenant to his landlord was a capon, and Cowley, an early English poet, recognized this custom when he wrote the lines:

When with low legs and in an humble guise
He offered up a capon sacrifice
Unto his worship at the New Year's tide

Among the characters in Ben Jonson's Masque of Christmas is "New Year's Gift in a blue coat, serving man like, with an orange, and a sprig of rosemary on his head, his hat full of brooches, with a collar of gingerbread, his torch-bearer carrying a marchpane with a bottle of wine on either arm." Sometimes in the place of gloves or pins, dearer then to the feminine heart, even than now, for they were costly and used only by the rich, sums of money were given; hence the terms still in common use of "glove money" and "pin money." The bribing of judges was not at all uncommon in those days, and money paid to the administrators of the law was often concealed in handsome gloves presented as polite offerings of friendship. Once when a lady of the name of Croaker sent a pair of gloves to Sir Thomas More lined with forty golden sovereigns the judge returned the gold with a note in which, "since it were against good manners to refuse," her New Year's gift was accepted, "but as for the lining," he went on, "I utterly refuse it." It was the custom then to make New Year's gifts in profusion to the reigning sovereign, and lists of such gifts are still religiously preserved.

Queen Elizabeth received more New Year gifts than any previous ruler of England, and among the articles named on her lists were necklaces, petticoats, looking glasses, bracelets, silk stockings, etc. It is believed that the famous silk stockings given to the queen by Mrs. Montague were New Year gifts, and it is recorded that Elizabeth liked them mightily, and thenceforth she never wore cloth hose any more. The giving of New Year's presents to superiors was a custom generally observed, and of course became a cloak for all sorts of jobbery.

The Banquet of Jests, published in 1630, tells a tale of a New Year's gift made by one of the noblemen of the reign of King Charles I to the court jester, which it terms a "pleasant story." It seems that the jester was not satisfied with the number of pieces of money he had received, so he shook the coins discontentedly in his hand, whereupon the nobleman begged the return of them for a moment, "and by the way," he added, "there is one of them which I would be loath to part with." The coins were returned, and the jester waited patiently for a larger gift. But the nobleman pocketed the cash, remarking with great brilliancy:

"I once gave my money into the hands of a fool, who had not the wit to keep it."

The fact that this story has been preserved from oblivion for more than 200 years by means of constant republications in England, and that all the wits of that island have doubtless laughed heartily at it, may perhaps be considered sufficient excuse for its insertion here.

There is a father with twice six sons; these sons have thirty daughters apiece, parti-colored, having one cheek white and the other black, who never see each other's face nor live above twenty-four hours.—Chambers' Book of Days.